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Louis E. Conte Selected As New Athletic Director At High School

The hunt for the new athletic director at Agawam High School went no further than down the road to the Agawam Middle School where Louis E. Conte, that school's assistant principal for the past six years, was selected from a field of four candidates to fill a position that Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald J. Charest called "a lifelong ambition of Lou Conte's."

Charest and Agawam High Principal Paul Cavallo conducted a full day of interviews on Tuesday, August 22nd, of the four candidates. Charest said Conte was the only local candidate to apply for the position, which was vacated earlier this summer when former Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney was appointed as deputy principal at AHS. Charest said he and Cavallo were each impressed with the three other candidates as well.

"We had some outstanding candidates for this job, and this really came out during the interviews," said Charest. "But when Paul and I meet on Wednesday to discuss the interviews and make our recommendation to the superintendent (Frank Ameruso), we were on the same exact page on how we rated each candidate

and Lou Conte was the person we knew was the best person for the job."

The two administrators then forwarded their recommendation to Ameruso, who appointed Conte on Thursday, August 24th. Conte immediately began his new duties on Friday, August 25th.

A "Hands-On" Guy...

Cavallo told us that during the interview, Conte made a strong case for where he hopes to bring the AHS athletic department. "The fact is that Lou knew what the position was all about. He was very knowledgeable and had some very definitive ideas on how he will proceed. He came across as very sincere and open-minded, and was not coming in to begin making all kinds of changes. He's a hands-on kind of guy who will work well with the coaches and the kids."

Added Charest, "Lou perfectly fit the bill. It's been his lifelong goal to be an athletic director. He interviewed very well and has a tremendous background in physical education and in sports. He was very

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LOUIS E. CONTE, the new Athletic Director at AHS. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard

"Don't Worry Kids....The Safety Bug Is Here"



FIRST-TIME BUS RIDERS LEARNED THE ROPES from the Agawam Junior Women's Club's famous Safety Bug at the annual event sponsored for many years by the Jr. Women in conjunction with the Agawam Public Library. A program was held in the library for the first-time riders before going across the way to the Agawam High School parking lot to board the school bus for a practice run. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Dennis Reardon, 5, boards the school bus at the AHS parking lot during the program.

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appreciative of the job done by Kathy McSweeney for the past nine years (McSweeney was hired in 1991) and gave her a lot of credit for what has been done. I look for him to take the athletic department to the next level."

Another area where Conte excelled, according to Charest, was the importance he placed on physical education in the public schools.

"The state says juniors and seniors in high school do not need to take physical education, and Lou does not agree with that philosophy at all. Nor do we in Agawam. Lou is a big believer in physical education for all students in grades K-12, and I am a big believer in that as well," noted Charest.

Conte said his first day of work last Friday was one of major change for him. "I've been at the Agawam Middle School for the past 23 years as a physical education teacher and then as the assistant principal (for the past six years). It was a wonderful experience for me, especially my time as Ralph Zavarella's (school principal) assistant. I think these past six years have prepared me for this position."

He continued, "I have taken over one of the best athletic programs in this area, and Kathy (McSweeney) deserves a lot of credit. This really is a huge change for me, but the fact that I am so familiar with athletics at the High School is a huge help.

"I will continue to get to know the coaches better and to evaluate what is going on."

One Of His Top Priorities...

One of his top priorities is filling vacant coaching positions, including his own as the girls' varsity basketball coach - a post he has held since 1986. During that time, Conte's teams won Western Mass. championships in 1989, 1990, and 1994, and were Valley Wheel champions in 1988, 1989, 1990, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999. He was the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches' Association "Coach of the Year" in 1989, 1990, and 1994, and was voted Advocate Women's Basketball "Coach of the Year" in 1995.

He has directed many basketball clinics and camps during this time, and is widely recognized as one of the top high school basketball coaches in the state.

"I do have vast experience with coaching and with kids. Athletics is always changing. I hope I can be a good mentor to a young coach, and give the athletes at our school assistance and direction when they need it," added Conte.

Conte said he will post the position of girls' varsity basketball coach within the next week.

A 1971 Agawam High graduate (where he starred in football, basketball, and baseball), Conte is a 1975 graduate of Ithaca College in New York State, where he also excelled in athletics. He received his bachelor of science in health, physical education, and recreation in May 1975 from Ithaca, and his master's in education (educational administration) from American International College in Springfield in 1991.

Conte, a lifelong resident of Agawam, is the son of Joseph & Rita Conte of Agawam.

Activities Offered By Agawam Parks & Rec. Dept.

Perry Lane Pool Will**Remain Open Through Labor Day**

Public swim will be available at Perry Lane now through Labor Day. Pool hours are Monday and Wednesday from 12:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30-6:00 p.m., Friday from 12:30-8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 12:00-6:00 p.m. Pool fees are 50 cents for children age five and younger and \$1 for children and adults age six and older.

Perry Lane Nursery School Openings

The Town of Agawam Parks & Recreation Department Perry Lane Nursery School has openings for the 2000-2001 school year.

Children who are age three by October 1st are eligible for our two-day a week program for \$60 per month. Children who are age four by October 1st are eligible for our three-day a week program for \$75 per month.

Anyone interested in enrolling for the Nursery School should call 821-0514 for more information or stop into the Recreation Office located behind the Agawam High School at 760 Cooper St.

Keenan Announces Mass. Highway Plan For Agawam

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce the undertaking of a major reconstruction and rehabilitation project designed by the Massachusetts Highway Department. The project

calls for the deck replacement, repair of the superstructure, and the reinforcement of the abutments on the overpass of Route 57 crossing Route 159.

"I am pleased that Mass. Highway is taking steps

towards our common goal of improving statewide roads and bridges, as well as the infrastructure in Agawam," said Keenan.

The estimated cost of the project is \$3 million.

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Letters To The Editor

Earlier Letter Not Meant To Slander GOP Town Comm.

To The Editor:

With considerable interest did I read Mr. Scott Hibbert's August letter penned on behalf of the GOP Town Committee. Mr. Hibbert, you have my humble apologies. I did not intend for the text of my 17 August letter to be construed as "referring to the [GOP Town Committee]." By no means was I hoping in the text of said letter to cast aspersions on said Committee.

My strong belief is that I did not do this. However, re: any confusion over the text, the fault is mine as wording intended specifically to turn away from "unfounded allegations and personal attacks" may have clouded the point I had hoped to make re: forces poised against Mr. Magovern.

Regarding the GOP Town Committee proper, the following words - and only the following words - were to be taken as specifically "referring to the [GOP Town Committee]:"

"Forces have been mobilized to...remove [Mr. Magovern] from the GOP Town Committee..."

"No force can legally deny Mr. Magovern his GOP Town Committee seat [for his City Council activities]..."

The forces I wrote about are primarily concerned with enacting a power shift on the City Council and were not identified in the text. I did not intend to suggest they were borne of the GOP Town Committee, nor had I that intent of implying that the GOP Town Committee supports the goals of these forces. I merely hoped to report an unsuccessful effort by said forces.

I never gave voice to these words penned by Mr. Magovern for the same 17 August *Advertiser*. "[T]he Republican Town Committee made a move to replace me from this committee." Those words are Mr. Magovern's and Mr. Magovern's alone. I did not pen those words.

I'm pleased to learn of Mr. Hibbert's regard for Mr. Magovern, and suspect both gentlemen have much to discuss. Again, I must apologize if my words engendered confusion.

Sincerely yours,
Owen R. Broadhurst
Agawam

Magovern Should Support Negrucci For Council Seat

To The Editor:

I believe that it is apparent to everyone at this time that either candidate being proposed to fill the unexpired term of the late Councilor Servis is qualified to serve by virtue of their previous experience as members of the council.

There is one point, however, which I have not seen mentioned in any of the comments relative to this issue. Council President Magovern is an elected Republican State Committeeman and one of the responsibilities and duties of a State Committeeman is to aid local city and town committees by helping to find, support, and elect qualified Republican candidates to elective office.

This is a mandate of the State Committee and one that each and every candidate for the position understands and supports by virtue of their seeking that office. Bob Magovern actively and aggressively sought election to the position of Republican State Committeeman, knowing full well the responsibilities of that office.

Let me state at this point that I am an active Republican and a member of the Agawam Republican Town Committee and I believe in and strongly support the principles of the Republican party. Let there be no confusion on this point. I have known Bob Magovern for a long time and I have actively supported him in many of his past efforts to

gain elective office.

I supported Bob in his quest for Republican State Committeeman and as a Republican, I expect that I will continue to support Mr. Magovern in any future efforts for elective office. I also expect our State Committeeman to adhere to the principles of the Massachusetts Republican Party and work to grow our party.

In as much as it has been stated that either candidate is qualified to perform the duties of a town councilor, I urge President Magovern to support John Negrucci, thereby fulfilling his responsibilities to the voters of Agawam and to his supporters who elected him Republican State Committeeman.

Ronald LaRiviere
Feeding Hills

Six Flags Traffic Issues Must Be Dealt With Now

To The Editor:

After attending the traffic committee meeting last Monday night, I have several points to make.

First, I would like to commend the members of the committee for having the guts to be on this committee. You can always count on there being a tough crowd of angry residents (myself included) in attendance at these meetings, and I admire the committee members for having the fortitude to sit through them and deal with our complaints.

Secondly, I am convinced that without a large-scale, long-term traffic plan, the town of Agawam is destined to become a rest area on the way to Six Flags. I realize that this is the objective of the committee, but I'm not sure everyone realizes just how difficult this will be. The only real solution to the traffic problem at Six Flags is to pressure the state to build a new bridge that will lead directly to Six Flags.

As the regional businesses and communities are realizing the financial windfall that Six Flags represents, this proposal seems to make more and more sense. No matter what improvements are made to the South End Bridge, Main Street, or River Road, they will represent very limited access to the park even at current traffic levels. Attendance will no doubt increase each year. The South End Bridge could barely handle the traffic level of two years ago, let alone current or projected levels. When you stop and think about what the traffic will be like five or 10 years from now, the concept of an additional bridge doesn't seem out of line. As part of a two-phase plan, the new bridge could be built and put into use and then the South End Bridge could be renovated.

Now, I realize that thanks to our friends in Boston and the Big Dig, funding for such a project will be hard to come by. This is where our town officials and state legislators need to make a coordinated effort to make the Governor realize that this would be an expenditure that would actually generate income for the state. In the meantime, we as residents need to continue to do everything we can to minimize the impact Six Flags has on our town.

Main Street needs to have as much police traffic support as possible to help alleviate the headaches the Main Street residents have to endure. The proposed improvements will help somewhat for the time

being.

At the traffic meeting, I directed comments to the two representatives from Six Flags regarding the utilization of River Road. I stated that it seemed inevitable that sooner or later River Road would be utilized to a greater extent than it was now. My plea was that when this time came, that certain safety and traffic considerations would need to be addressed. There are no traffic lights on River Road to provide any break in the traffic flow or control the speed of the vehicles. Also, there are no breakdown lanes. We have buses rumbling down River Road no less than eight feet away from kids on the sidewalks. The speed limits are completely disregarded. Average speed is closer to 60 miles per hour than the posted 40 and 35 mph.

All of these situations exist right now. The representatives from Six Flags had no comment on any of these concerns. I assumed they would pay more attention when the time came to further utilize River Road.

Ironically, when I got home from the meeting, I found a Six Flags coupon that is being distributed at Subway restaurants that gives directions from Boston and Rhode Island telling park patrons to take the first exit off the rotary onto River Road. I feel this shows a complete lack of concern for the safety of the River Road residents. It also seems somewhat sneaky. All of the focus has been on taking every step possible to make things go smoothly on Main Street while Six Flags is directing patrons down River Road, where no steps whatsoever have been taken to help out the residents.

These issues need to be addressed now. We need a greater police presence on River Road to reduce the speed. Bus traffic should be prohibited. The problem with River Road traffic is that you don't get the heavy surges of traffic that Main Street gets. River Road has more of a constant, medium level of traffic that needs less attention but spread out over a longer time period. I can only hope that the traffic committee members and the representatives from Six Flags take these issues to heart and take steps to deal with them.

Not being one to complain without trying to help find a solution, I am willing to assist the committee members in any way that I can. Please feel free to contact me if there is anything that I can do to help address the issues I have raised.

Todd Peetros
259 River Road
Agawam, MA 01001

Rheault Should Be The One To Fill Council Vacancy

To The Editor:

I have been an Agawam resident for 30 years and this is my first "Letter to the Editor." I feel I need to get involved in the latest Town Council "crisis" for the benefit of my family and town residents. I do not personally know any of the three interested persons who wish to fill the late Mr. Kent Servis' council seat, but I do know who I would cast a vote for should a special election be held and my opinion mattered - Don

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Rheault.

I voted for him in the mayoral election and would do so again should he decide to run in the future, and I want to tell you why. Mr. Rheault actually seems interested in what we, "the common people," have to say. He listens. During his mayoral campaign, I listened. Mr. Rheault is concerned about our seniors and their many problems during the aging process.

I am a 30 year-old mother, daughter, wife, and granddaughter. I am also in the Home Health Care field and greatly involved with our seniors on a daily basis. I know first-hand how hard it is for the seniors to be heard. I also know that I personally have concerns about my family and especially my four year-old daughter and her future in Agawam in regards to education, community safety, and health care issues.

I feel Mr. Rheault would listen to me should I ever need his help. He isn't what I call a "suit." He is a real man who cares for the town he lives in - Agawam. I feel, should I ever meet Mr. Rheault, that he would sit down with me and actually listen and be concerned. No phony concern, likes others who don't seem to care much about what is really important in life, but only wish to nitpick every so-called rule and issue. These people are older than I and supposedly wisdom comes with age, but to these people I must say, "Grow up and do what's best for your town and all of us little people who live here and vote for you."

My grandmother, Joan Danford, has been a life-long resident of Agawam, and many years ago was politically active in our town. She likes Mr. Rheault and that means a lot to me because I feel her opinion matters just as mine should.

Let's get real and pick the person most qualified and who actually cares about our quality of life in Agawam - Don Rheault.

Sincerely,
Kristin E. Gagne-DiCioccio
Feeding Hills

Due to the Labor Day holiday, our next edition will be published on Friday, September 8th; the deadline for that edition will be Wednesday, September 6th, at 12:00 noon.

Veterans' Corner....

Real Estate Tax Exemption Extended For Some Spouses

by Edward Kellogg, Veterans' Agent (786-0400, ext. 236 Or 237)

On Sunday, August 6th, Governor Cellucci signed a law (outside sections 100 through 113 of the budget) which allows the surviving spouses of certain deceased veterans to continue receiving a real estate tax exemption after the death of a veteran. Prior to this law, the tax exemption was cut off upon the death of the veteran, often the time when the surviving spouse could least afford the loss.

Massachusetts General Law (MGL) (Chapter 58 Section 8A and Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22) entitles qualifying veterans to receive a property tax exemption ranging somewhere between a total exemption from property taxes to a \$250.00 exemption, depending on the degree of injury received in service, or war in which the veteran served.

Previously, certain veterans were eligible if they: became paraplegic as a result of a service-connected injury; or received a disability rating from the VA ranging from 10% to 100% resulting from service-connect-

ed injury, during wartime service and in the line of duty; or were awarded the Purple Heart medal; or are the mothers and fathers of veterans who lost their lives in wartime service (this is not a complete list of qualified individuals, but an example of many who qualified for the original benefit).

Some provisions of MGL Ch. 58, S. 8A and Ch. 59, S. 5, Cl. 22 permitted surviving spouses to receive the benefit of the real estate tax exemption after the death of their veteran spouse. Now, as a result of the new law, ALL surviving spouses of qualified disabled veterans will continue to receive the real estate tax exemption after the death of their veteran spouse as long as they remain owner and occupant of their home.

For more information on the property tax exemption benefit, and where to apply for it, please contact the local Veterans' Agent or Veterans' Service Officer in your local city or town hall.

FireWise...

How To Report A Fire - Or Any Emergency

by Fire Chief David Pisano

All too frequently, we hear of tragic stories regarding people who call to report their house is on fire, yet, in their fright, forget to tell the dispatcher their address. Others claim they called the fire department and the dispatcher kept them on the telephone asking questions.

However, what seems, at the time, like needless questions will actually aid the fire department in getting assistance quickly to your home.

* In the event you are in a residence or building that catches fire, evacuate the building and call the fire department at 911 from a neighbor's telephone or nearby office building.

* When the dispatcher answers, inform him or her

that you are reporting a fire emergency. Tell them your name. The dispatcher may ask you to spell your name.

* The dispatcher will request the telephone number you are calling from, in case of an accidental disconnection or if additional information is needed.

* Next, provide the dispatcher with the address of the fire and the nearest cross street, if known. If you are in an unfamiliar area when you discover a fire and are unsure of the address, try to give the dispatcher specific landmarks, such as the name on an adjacent building, that will help the fire department locate the fire.

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Ag. Town Council's Tues., Sept. 5th Meeting Agenda

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 8/7/2000
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
 - (a) Resolutions
 1. TR-2000-34- A Resolution Amending Council Rule #9 Filing Deadline Concerning Submission to Solicitor (Coun. Bitzas, Bonavita)(Tabled on 6/19/2000 - Left on table 7/5/2000 & 8/7/2000).
 2. TR-2000-37- A Resolution Accepting MGL Ch 59 Paragraph 57C, Providing for the Payment of Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes on a Quarterly Basis Commencing with FY2002 (Mayor).
7. Report of Council Committees
None.
8. Elections
 - (a)
 1. TE-2000-5- Election of Town Councilor: Sec. 2-6 Filling of Vacancies (Pres. Magovern)(Tabled on 8/2/2000)
9. Public Hearings
 - (a)
 1. PH-2000-8- (TO-2000-47)- Sign Application for Quail Run Estates Sign (Conduct Public Hearing).
 2. PH-2000-9- (TO-2000-48)- Application - Gas Storage Permit - Five Star Transportation, 384 Shoemaker Ln., FH, MA - Request for 2,000 gal. aboveground Diesel Fuel Oil (Conduct Public Hearing).
 3. PH-2000-10- (TR-2000-49)- Gas Storage Permit - Agawam Car Care, 1 River Road, Aga., MA - Request for 20,000 gal. underground Petroleum Products (Conduct Public Hearing).
 4. PH-2000-11- (TR-2000-36)- A Resolution Adopting a Residential Factor of .000000 (To Be Determined) Pursuant to MGL, Ch. 40, Sect. 56 (Conduct Public Hearing).
10. Old Business
 - (a)
 1. TOR-2000-7- An Ordinance Amending Sec. 82-2 of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Mayor)(1st Reading).
 2. TOR-2000-8- An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Town of Agawam by Adding Sec. 1-7 in Accordance with MGL Ch. 40, Sec. 57 (Mayor)(1st Reading).
 3. TOR-2000-9- An Amendment to Amend Paragraph 49-7(c) and Paragraph 49-7 (d)(3) of Ch. 49 Entitled "Personnel" of the Code of the Town of Agawam to Update the Wages for Certain Unclassified Positions (Mayor)(1st Reading).
 4. TOR-2000-10- An Ordinance to Amend Certain Fees in the Park & Recreation Department (Mayor)(1st Reading).

Agawam Looking For Input From Local Businesses

Mayor Richard A. Cohen has announced that he will soon release a survey that will be made available to all businesses in Agawam.

At 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 7th, members of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, representatives of the Springfield Enterprise Center, Springfield Technical Community College, and local businesses will join Cohen at the Agawam Public Library Community Room to formally release the survey and to kick-off the Mayor's business retention and development program.

In making the announcement, Cohen stated, "Agawam is a community that has grown and thrived because of its small businesses. This survey, which will be available at the beginning of September, will be sent to business owners and operators in Agawam. It is intended to compile information on a variety of

issues facing Agawam businesses."

The survey was created through a combined effort of STCC, the Springfield Enterprise Center, the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, and the Agawam Office of Planning and Development, said Cohen.

The survey asks businesses several questions ranging from the number of employees, interest in a central business district, the impact of traffic due to Six Flags New England, and the willingness to participate on a task force on Agawam business.

Cohen added, "We wish to take a realistic, long-term look at business in Agawam. This is a time when there are a number of opportunities for Agawam. We want the business community to know that the government of Agawam is a resource and partner in business retention and development."

- Agawam Obituaries -

ROBERTA A. GADSKI

Roberta A. (Fox) Gadski, 91, of Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

She worked at Graymoor in Garrison, New York, and retired in 1980.

Born in Mount Vernon, New York, she lived in the Bronx, New York, and Peekskill, New York, before moving to Agawam several years ago.

She was a pianist.

Her husband, Arthur Gadski, died in 1994, and she also was predeceased by a son, Richard.

She leaves two daughters, Joan Baisley of Enfield, Connecticut, and Roberta Anderson of Ferrisburg, Vermont; a sister, Betty Gadski of the Bronx, six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels and St. Martha's Church, both in Enfield. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Valhalla, New York.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Friars of the Atonement, Box 301, Graymoor, Garrison, New York 10524.

ANTHONY M. PEZZINI

Anthony M. Pezzini, 86, a lifelong resident of Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

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Set For September 8th-10th...

Southwick Volunteer Fire Department To Host 50th Annual Carnival

by Carol G. Leonard

Southwick-Suffield Advertiser News Feature Writer

This year marks the 50th year the Southwick Volunteer Fire Dept. will hold its carnival. When most other local volunteer fire department carnivals have gone by the wayside, Southwick's is still going strong. Firemen, their families, and townspeople all donate their time and talents to organize and run this popular event.

The carnival hours and location have changed this year. The carnival will be set up on the Recreation Center grounds at Powder Mill Rd, improving parking and making for easier access. For the first time, the carnival will be held on a Sunday.

The dates and hours are Friday, September 8th, 6:30-11:00 p.m. with fireworks; Saturday, September 9th, with a parade at 6:00 p.m., followed by the carnival; and Sunday, September 10th, the carnival starts at 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m., with a live performance

by The Blues Brothers Mission From God Show, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Dressed in their trademark shades, black suits, and hats, The Blues Brothers are quite a hit this summer all over the east coast. Their appearance on stage is free to the public.

Fireworks will be displayed Friday night at the Powder Mill Road location, allowing good visibility from the fairgrounds. The parade route will start at Hudson Drive and go up Route 57 and down Powder Mill Road to the fairgrounds.

A popular highlight once again will be the appearance of the Melha Shriners marching. There are expected to be 26 firetrucks from Massachusetts and Connecticut fire departments, marching school bands, and two Shriners bands.

The carnival itself will be alive with rides and booths such as the ferris wheel, swings, kiddie rides (includ-

ing a scrambler) and other adults rides, games of chance, such as the jar game, milk can toss, dime toss, ring toss, and food booths.

A new game of challenge this year will be the joust, two players opposing each other on a padded area, using padded sticks, trying to knock the opponent off a log.

Says John Westcot, chairman of the event for 16 years and a member of the Fire Dept. for 22 years, "Money raised through the carnival is used for scholarship funds, ambulance and rescue equipment, and also sponsoring groups such as the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, the soup kitchens, Shriners, and other organizations."

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* Stay on the telephone until the dispatcher completes the questioning and disconnects the call.

* In the event of a medical emergency, stay calm and give the dispatcher as much information as possible as to the nature of the medical emergency. Many dispatchers have special emergency medical training and may be able to provide you with some lifesaving techniques to use until emergency help arrives.

Emergency calls made the right way help save lives. False emergency calls made as a joke are crimes that cost lives. False alarms tie up emergency lines and endanger emergency personnel driving to the scene. Many dispatchers tape and trace incoming calls, and this can help apprehend those calling in false alarms.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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PLAYING BINGO AT THE ANNUAL TOWN EMPLOYEES PICNIC at Perry Lane Park are (from left) Alan Cohen, Lorraine Fox, Mayor Richard Cohen, Dr. Philip Cohen (father of Alan and Richard), and Jan Draymore. IN RIGHT PHOTO: State Representative Daniel Keenan has some fun on the swings with his son, Jack, as Trevor McMullin-Eldridge looks on. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

Annual Steak Roast At Spfld. Turnverein

The Annual Steak Roast is being held at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Agawam (Garden Street exit off Route 57), on Saturday, September 9th.

Servings will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The menu will include char-broiled rib eye steak, baked potato, salad, corn on the cob, coffee, and dessert. The steak roast will be held rain or shine.

Tickets can be bought in advance at the STV at \$13 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. We are open Monday through Friday from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 2:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Please call Christa at 786-0143 or the Club at 786-0924 for reservations.

Women's Auxiliary To Hold Flea Market

The Women's Auxiliary of the Polish-American Club of Agawam will be conducting a flea market on October 7th in the pavilion area (139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills). A space may be obtained for \$15.

Refreshments will be available during the sale. For information or an application, call Mary, 786-4057, or Helen, 786-6050.

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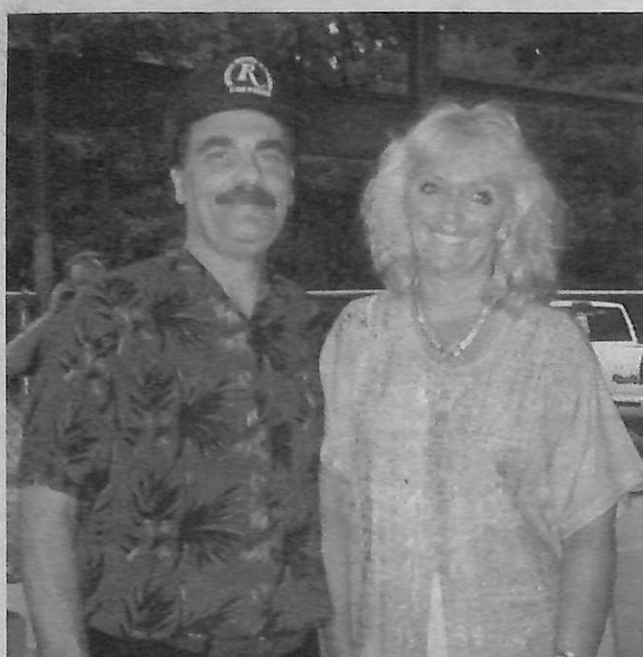
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"They Deserve This Picnic..."



ALTHOUGH THE WATER WAS INVITING, Ken & Jayne Smith (left photo) didn't jump into the Perry Lane pool during the Annual Agawam Town Employees Picnic. IN CENTER PHOTO: Michael & Linda Mercadante are all smiles at the picnic. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Betty Couture & Peter Matthes not only manned the grill, but also did all the behind-the-scenes work to make sure the Annual Town Employees Picnic was another big success. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

Agawam Golden Age Club - Chapter 2's September Calendar

Wednesday, September 6th: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. at Senior Center. Entertainment: Gene Basile playing the accordion.

Monday, September 11th: Bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino.

Monday, September 18th, Through Sunday, September 24th: Trip to Reno, Lake Tahoe, and San

Francisco.

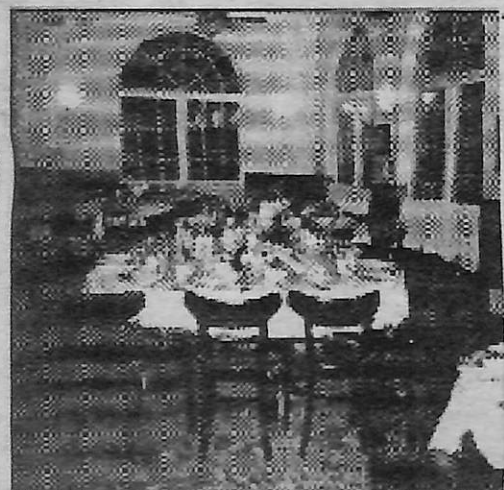
Tuesday, September 19th: Bus trip to Pleasant Valley Country Club, Connecticut - "Italian Festival."

Wednesday, September 20th: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Guest speaker: Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen.

Friday, September 22nd: Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at Hometown Buffet, Riverdale Road, West Springfield.

Senior citizens living in Agawam are invited to join the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2.

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MR. & MRS. DAVID T. DRUGAN

Beth Lacienski & David Drugan Exchange Vows

St. Thomas the Apostle Church in West Springfield was the setting for the August 12th wedding of Beth Ann Lacienski and David Thomas Drugan. Parents of the bride are Dan & Lee Lacienski of Feeding Hills. The bridegroom is the son of Mark & Deborah Drugan of West Springfield.

Tina Girard attended the bride as matron of honor. Joseph Mickiewicz served the bridegroom as best man.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School, Holyoke Community College, and Westfield State College. She is a dance instructor at Dancer's Image in Westfield and West Side Dance Center in West Springfield.

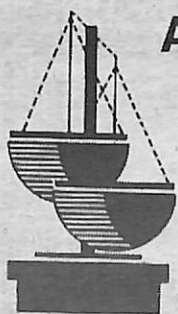
The bridegroom graduated from West Springfield High School, Holyoke Community College, and Westfield State College. He is employed by Sovereign Hotels in West Springfield.

Following a reception at Oak Ridge Golf Club, the couple honeymooned in Washington, D.C. and Cape Cod. They reside in West Springfield.

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MR. & MRS. MATTHEW CRAIG

Cindy Zielenski Becomes Bride Of Matthew Craig

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Zielenski announce the marriage of their daughter, Cindy, to Matthew Craig of Brockton, MA, on July 1, 2000. The ceremony was held at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield, and the reception at Chez Josef in Agawam. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia.

The attendants included Agawam High School graduates Heather Zielenski (1994), Roya (Bahrehmand) Jenner, Shannon (Bielitz) Johnson, Katherine Scherpa (1991), flower girl Alexis Mirski, Peter Craig, Bobby Craig, and Stephen Spritzer.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School and a graduate of the University of Rhode Island in 1995. She currently is a seventh-grade science teacher at Wilbraham Middle School.

The groom, who is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Craig, is a 1992 graduate of Brockton High School and attended Massasoit Community College. He currently works for Driver Logistics Service, Inc., of West Springfield.



MR. & MRS. DANIEL L. BEAVIS

Catherine M. Greene & Daniel L. Beavis Unite In Marriage

Daniel & Marilyn Greene of Feeding Hills announce the marriage of their daughter, Catherine Marie, to Daniel Lee Beavis. They were united in marriage on July 29th at Bethany Assembly of God.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1998 graduate of Westfield State College. She is currently employed by the Longmeadow school system, working as a Basic Skills Specialist with Special Needs children.

The bridegroom is the son of Trudy & Joseph Beavis of Feeding Hills. He is currently attending Springfield College and working as a Rehabilitation Technician at Healthsouth of West Springfield.

Dina DiTomaso attended the bride as maid of honor. Matthew Canata served the bridegroom as best man.

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Getting Ready For Fall

Question: Any help for "leftover" summer skin?

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If you find that you have become a little relaxed about using sunscreen and a late summer sunburn has found you, then remember two words - "Get Milk." Cold milk baths are very soothing for sunburned skin. Mix equal parts of milk and water and add ice, then make compresses to use on those sensitive areas. The eyes, ears, lips, tops of feet, and back of knees are the most common places that are forgotten when sunscreen is applied.

Green tea, which was discovered over 5,000 years ago by the Chinese, has been studied for its anti-inflammatory and anti-allergen effects on the skin. It can soothe skin irritation caused by sunburn, insect bites, waxing, acne, lasers, and alpha-hydroxy acids. Inflammation may be a primary source of skin aging and green tea can be used in your daily skin care routine. **Tip:** Keep some in the fridge and soak cotton pads with the tea and apply to eyes to reduce puffiness.

Chamomile is one herb with many uses. It promotes the healing of skin ulcers, burns, wounds, sunburns, and insect bites. Place the cooled tea bag on fever blisters or use the cooled brew as a skin toner to relieve that tight dry feeling on the face or body. It can help keep the skin smooth and enhance skin tone.

If your skin is looking dull and flaky from overexposure, try a product with alpha hydroxy acid or vitamin C for a new glow. There are three types of acids designed to achieve different results. **Glycolic acid** is

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the most common and is derived from the sugar cane plant. This has the strongest exfoliation properties and is used in serums and chemical peels. **Lactic acid** comes from sour milk and is extremely hydrating to the skin. This type is commonly found in moisturizers. The third, **salicylic acid**, is not an alpha-hydroxy but a beta-hydroxy acid. This is actually derived from the willow bark and works deeper in the skin to unclog pores and reduce fine lines. This is especially good for oily and acne prone skin.

Keeping skin firm and healthy is a tough job with all the free radicals we are constantly exposed to. Vitamin C fights off these free radicals by working in the deepest layers of the skin to strengthen collagen and elastin. The only problem is that this vitamin is

very unstable and loses its potency very quickly. A derivative of vitamin C that has been very effective is L-ascorbic acid.

Alpha-hydroxy acid and vitamin C should be used in conjunction with each other for optimum results. Individuals with **dry skin** should use the vitamin C cream in the morning under your regular moisturizer and an AHA-based cream in the evening. Persons with **oily skin** or **combination skin** should use an AHA or salicylic acid cleanser or toner in the morning and the vitamin C serum at night.

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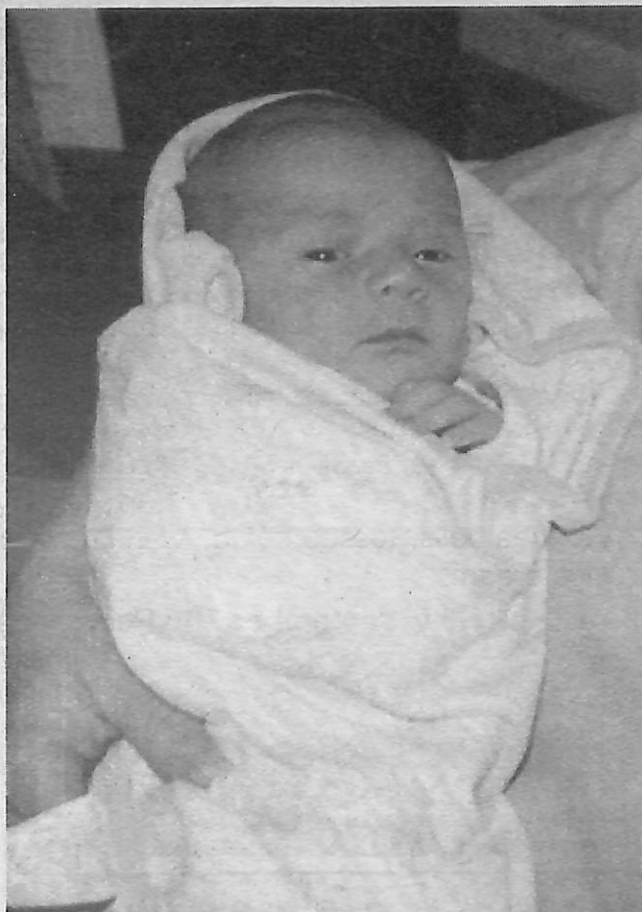
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MATTHEW ALAN GILLEN

Gillen Family Announces Birth Of Son, Matthew

Michael and Donna Gillen of Mystic, Connecticut are happy to announce the birth of their son, Matthew Alan Gillen.

Matthew was born August 9th in Backus Hospital, Norwich, Connecticut. He weighed seven pounds, one ounce and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Edward and Helen Bobeck of Feeding Hills. Paternal grandparents are Daniel and Grace Gillen of Stonington, Connecticut.

All-Women Legion Post Seeks New Members

If you are an Armed Service woman veteran of any war from World War I to the Persian Gulf, won't you please (I'm pleading) join your sister veterans in the Pioneer Valley Women Post 463, the only all-women American Legion Post in Western Massachusetts.

We have so many women veterans in the Pioneer Valley, and yet we (Post 463 members) are at a loss as to why you hesitate to join an all-women veterans' group. Why? Won't you please call 786-2597 and give me, Rose M. Haynes (Membership Chairman), one reason why you can't or won't join your sister veterans? Maybe we can resolve your situation.

Is it because of the time or place of our meetings? Is it the dues? Is it because you have a full schedule and can't possibly squeeze in just two hours a month? Whatever your reason, PLEASE let me know why.

Even if you are on active duty or in the Reserves, please call me. The purpose of Post 463 is, first, to help veterans (men and women) in need in the Pioneer Valley and, second, to support veteran ceremonies in the area as well as in other parts of our state.

Post 463 meets the first Sunday of the month (except July and August) at 1:30 p.m. in the Grand Army of the Republic Hall, East Court Street, Springfield, MA. The GAR Hall is located to the left of Springfield Symphony Hall.

I will be anxiously waiting for your call at 786-2597.

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"Friends" To Sponsor Trip To Atlantic City

Join the "Friends" of the Agawam Senior Center to the Tropicana Casino Resort in Atlantic City on Wednesday and Thursday, October 25th and 26th.

With an 8:00 a.m. departure, we are bound for the excitement of Atlantic City (with comfort and meal stops en route).

We will enjoy one night at the Tropicana Hotel, where you will receive a tower room and have plenty of time to gamble in the house/hotel's casino and also see a show.

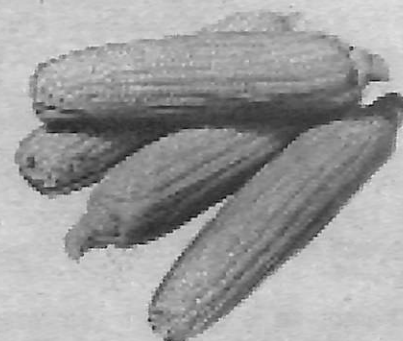
Your package will include: round-trip motorcoach

transportation, one night's accommodation at the Tropicana, a prime rib dinner, \$10 in coins, \$3 food credit, cocktails, show, and all taxes and tips (including driver's gratuities). The cost is only \$115 per person (double). We will depart at 8:00 a.m. from the Agawam Senior Center, and will return at approximately 9:30 p.m. on October 26th. This trip is open to the public.

Contact Nellie Mathias at 786-9093 for reservations, or contact the Agawam Senior Center at 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam. A \$25 deposit will hold your reservation.

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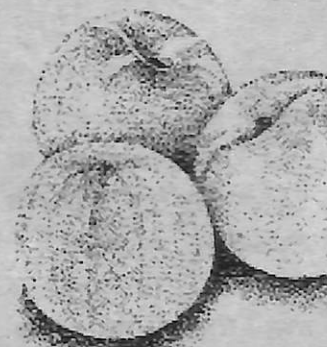


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FUNWALK For "Griffin's Friends" Scheduled For Sunday, Sept. 17th

On Sunday, September 17th, the annual FUNWALK will be held to benefit Griffin's Friends and the Child Life Department at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital. This exciting event will be held at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., with registration from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Griffin's Friends Children Cancer Fund provides "moments of joy" for local children afflicted with cancer and life-threatening blood disorders. Through fundraising events, Griffin's Friends provides these special children with the "toys and joys of childhood" far removed from their pain, fear, and medical treatment experiences. This seven year-old group of volunteers was established in the Springfield area to benefit children who are treated at the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital.

ALL of the money raised will be used to support these families and the Child Life Department. The money is spent on holiday parties, a yearly picnic,

trips, shows, and sporting events. The money buys games, toys, rocking chairs, crafts, TVs, and VCRs. The group buys supportive resources, sends kids to special camps, and offers a college scholarship. Griffin's Friends makes it possible to help families through some very stressful times.

The Child Life Department includes the Child Life Specialists and the Hospital School Teacher. These are the staff members who educate, support, and offer children the opportunity to play and be children throughout this very adult hospital world. They help to make this environment understandable and less scary for children and their family. The money raised will allow them to reach more children throughout the Children's Hospital.

The three-mile FUNWALK will be held rain or shine. If you are interested in walking, pledging money, or finding out more information about Griffin's Friends, please call Maureen McCarthy at (413) 794-8600 (voice mail 49745).

ACCGS To Kick Off Season With Chamber Carnival

The Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield will kick off its 2000-2001 Chamber season on September 6th at 7:15 a.m. with a Chamber Carnival Breakfast Club in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition.

Sponsored by the Eastern States Exposition and Sovereign Bank New England, the breakfast will include Chief Greeter Jerry Myers, Director of Agricultural Education for the Eastern States Exposition and will celebrate the past successes of the ACCGS and energize Chamber members for its upcoming season.

As well, Chamber Carnival will revel in the accomplishments of the ACCGS' affiliate Chambers of Agawam, East Longmeadow/Longmeadow, Hampden/Wilbraham, Ludlow, Springfield, and West Springfield and its Women's Partnership division and will salute the incoming boards and board Presidents: Robert F.L. MacDonald, Agawam; Lavada Munoz, East Longmeadow/Longmeadow; Kathryn Selvia,

Hampden/Wilbraham; Daniel Geary, Ludlow; Richard Moriarty, Springfield; David Wrona, West Springfield; and Carol Pederzani, Women's Partnership.

According to ACCGS Communications Director Nancy Creed, in its 1999-2000 season, the ACCGS produced over 100 events for six affiliate Chambers in eight cities and towns; advocated on various legislative issues that affect its membership on local, state, and national levels; increased the visibility of the Chamber and its members; and provided additional marketing exposure for the nearly 2,000 businesses belonging to the Chamber.

"The Breakfast Club saluted over 60 members last year, drawing a total attendance of more than 4,200 business professionals," said Creed.

"The After 5 programs afforded over 2,300 attendees the opportunity to network, build relationships and forge strategic partnerships, and the special events recognized nearly 100 Chamber members with a total attendance of close to 2,500."

Agawam Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 4th: Senior Center closed (Labor Day).

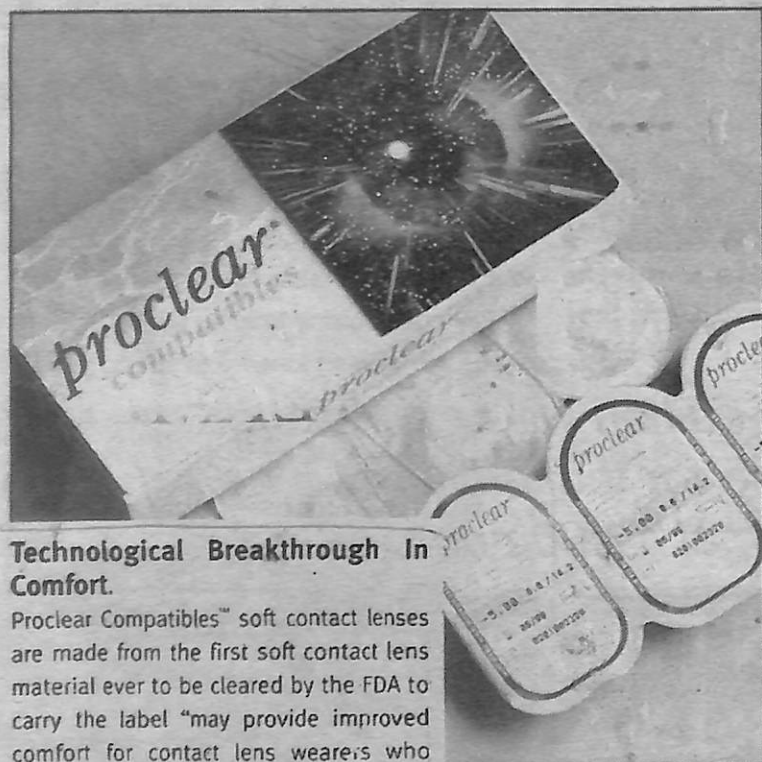
Tuesday, September 5th: Stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, corn, whole wheat bread, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, September 6th: Lasagna & meatballs, tossed salad, Vienna bread, ice cream.

Thursday, September 7th: Pork chops, potato au gratin, green beans, pumpernickel bread, chocolate cake.

Friday, September 8th: Baked fish, harvest veggie, rice, cole slaw, rye bread, pears.

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"CornFest" Big Success For E. Cecchi Farms



E. CECCHI FARMS on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills held its Annual CornFest for the seventh straight year and served over 500 people on Saturday, August 19th and as many on Sunday, August 20th. This group of Cecchi family members were on hand to greet hungry customers and fellow travelers (from left): David Cecchi and his son, Joseph; Anna Cecchi, who began with the family farm in 1949; and Bobby Cecchi, who can be seen every day of the week hard at work on the family farm. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard



ANNA CECCHI GREETs possible future farmers of the Cecchi Family at the Annual CornFest - Dillon, Joseph, and Megan Cecchi. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Grand Re-Opening For Trading Post Consignment Shop

The grand re-opening for the Trading Post Consignment Shop at First Baptist Church of Agawam (corner of Main and Elm Streets) will take place on Wednesday, September 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

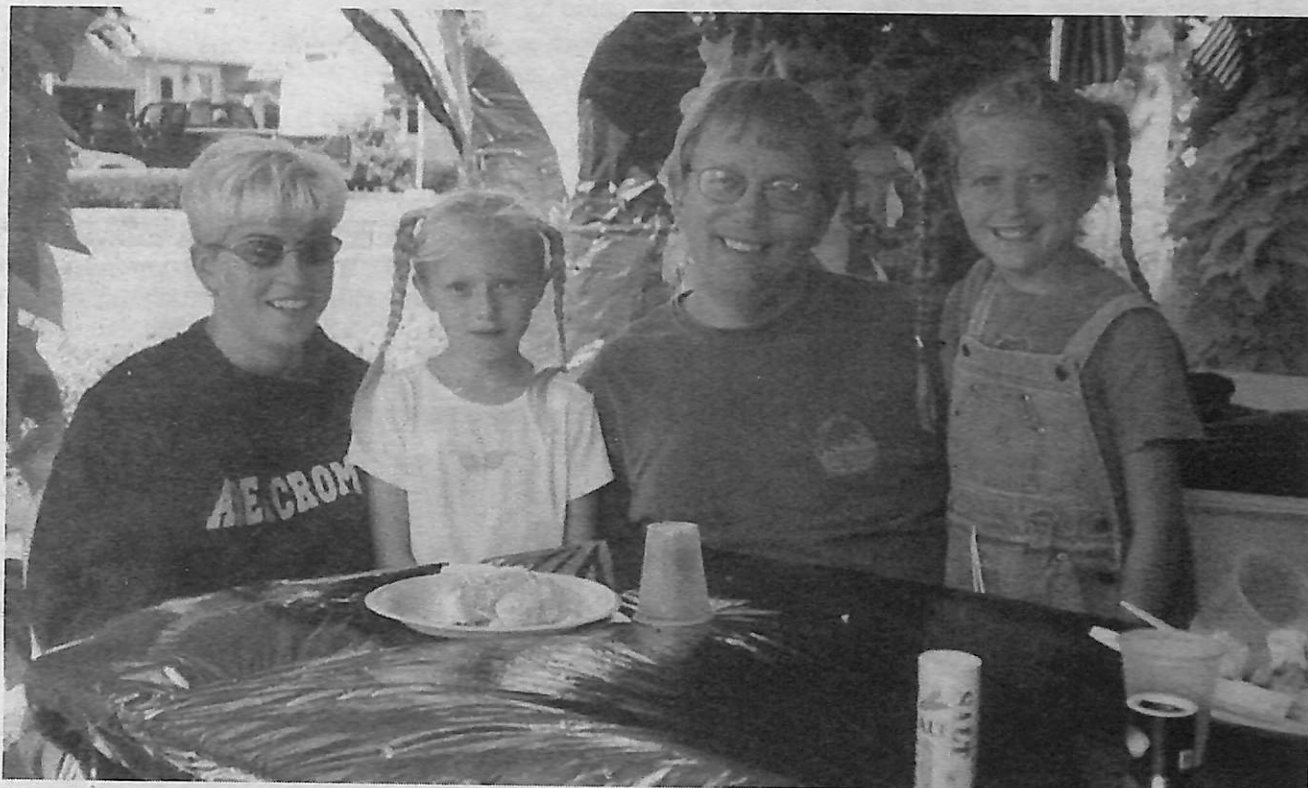
The re-opening will be for "take-in" only, and there is a limit of 50 items at one time.

Clothes must be clean, in season, in style, ironed, folded, or on hangers.

If you have knick-knacks, small appliances, baby items, etc., they must be good as new.

The opening day to shop will be September 13th.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again!



THE FOOD WAS JUST GREAT at the Annual CornFest held at E. Cecchi Farm's a few weeks ago according to (from left) Grace Spiwak of Suffield, Maddison Uzar, Steve Uzar, and Molly Uzar, all of Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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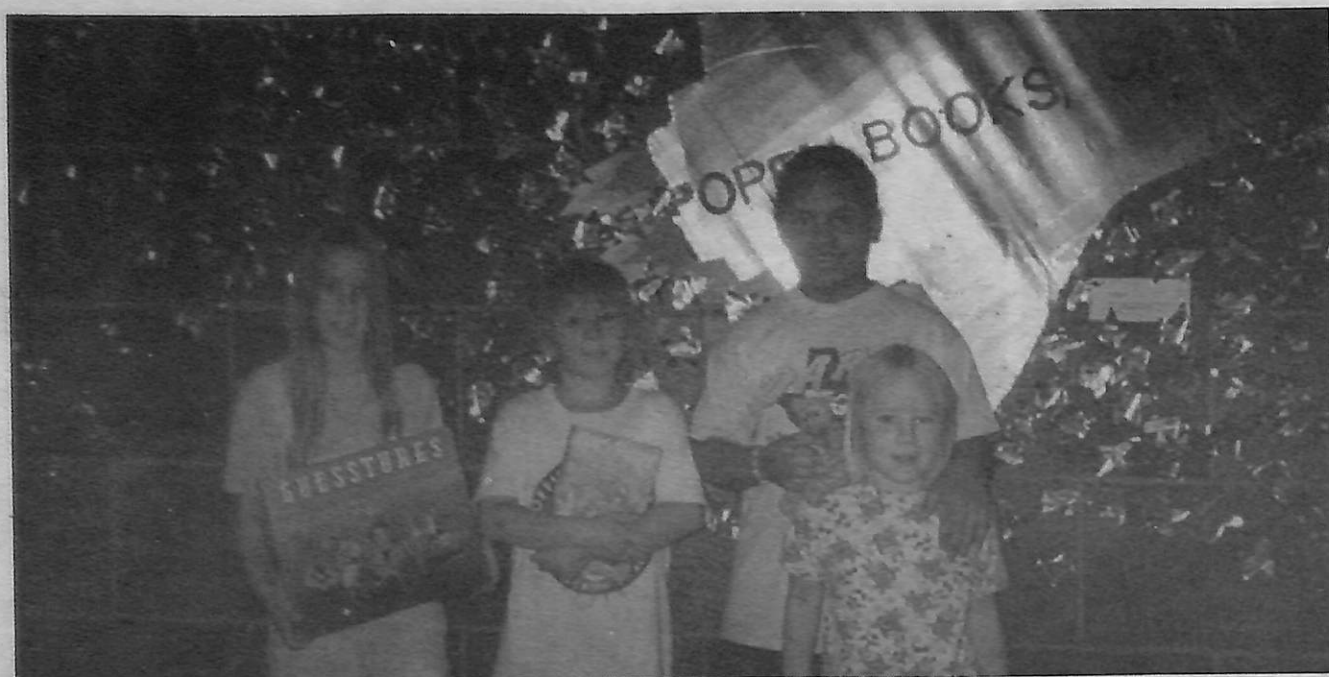
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THE PRIZE-WINNING FAMILY in the Agawam Library's Summer Reading Program (from left): Samantha Johnston, Craig Johnston, Crystle Deschenes, and Heather Johnston. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Kayla Bertrand was a prize winner in the Agawam Library's Summer Reading Program lottery and is pictured with balloon sculptor Ed Popielarczyk at the Summer Reading Party.



AT THE AGAWAM LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PARTY, Josh Dion chooses a prize from the "Winner's Cart."

Our classified ads cost just \$10 per week for 30 words or less; however, we DO NOT take them over the telephone. Please bring them to our office at 23 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills Center, or mail them (along with payment) to P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

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Agawam Library's Winning Readers

Participants in the Agawam Library's Summer Reading Program were all winners at the prize raffle drawing on August 10th. Kids whose names were drawn selected the prize of their choice from a variety of donations made by local businesses.

From bike helmets to Beanie Babies, from free passes to free pizzas, there was something special for everyone from infants to teenagers.

All the youngsters in attendance at the drawing got a balloon sculpture created by "MAGICAL MOMENTS" entertainer Ed Popielarczyk, and home-

made cookies were provided for everyone by a 4-H group under the leadership of Sally Loos.

More than 800 Agawam and Feeding Hills kids read library books (or were read to) from June to August, and earned raffle tickets for each day they logged at least 15 minutes of book time.

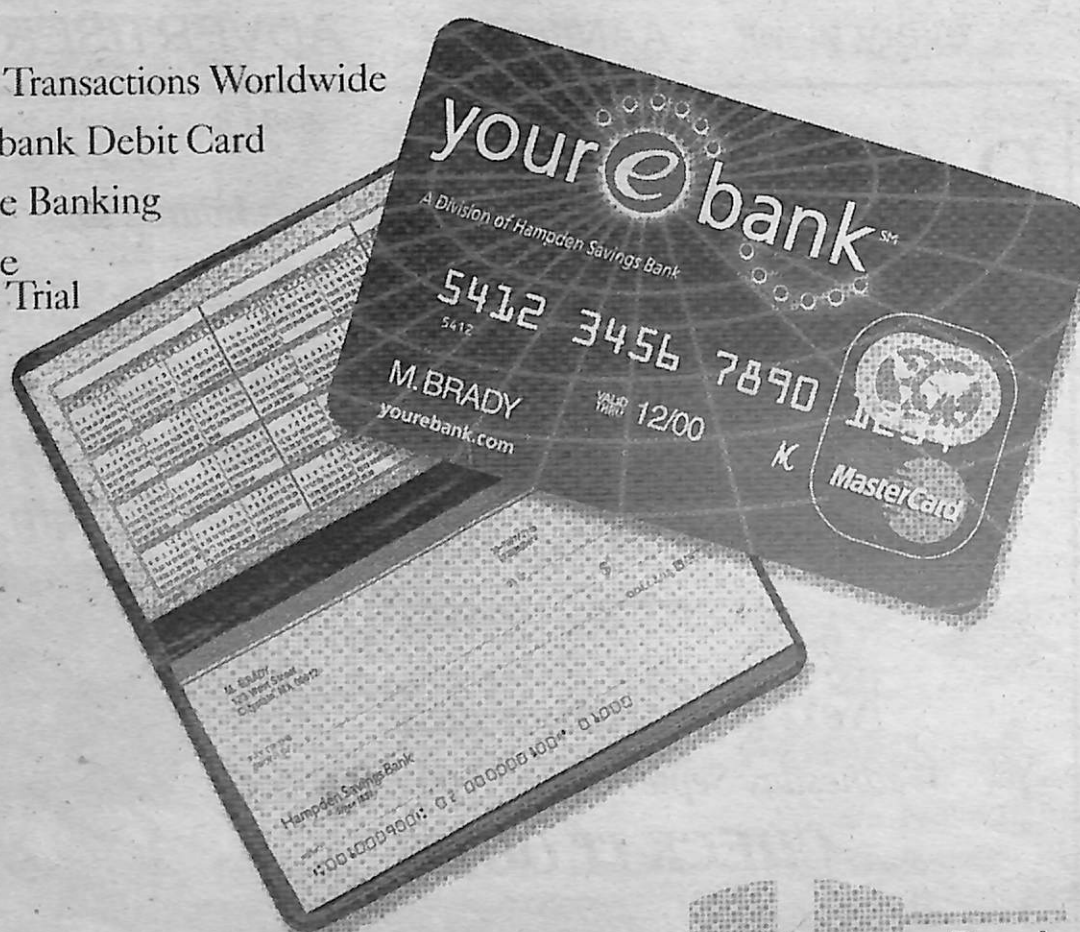
Readers will go back to school with their skills intact, and pre-schoolers will be "hooked on books" after a summer filled with stories they shared with family and friends.

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CUB SCOUT PACK 75 MEMBERS Jarett Maynard, Mason Dunn Mcdonagh, Jake DePalo, Timothy Riley, Colby Cannizzaro, and Corey Fennyery stand by the archway they helped to make as the entrance to their campsite at Webelos Woods 2000 held at Moses Scout Reservation. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Colby Cannizzaro, Jarret Maynard, Den Chief Craig LaPlante, Den Leader Cheryl Fennyery, Mason Dunn McDonagh, Ryan Liebel, Corey Fennyery, Tony DePalo, Jake DPalo, and Timothy Riley are seen with "Pete The Horse."

S.H. Pack 75 Attends "Webelos Woods 2000"

Members of Cub Scout Pack 75 went to Moses Scout Reservation for Webelos Woods 2000 Weekend recently. A severe thunderstorm on the first night occurred and the Scouts had to dry their sneakers over the coals. Thirteen of the Cub Scouts plus two Den Chiefs received the Honor Award.

They also received the Webelos Woods 2000 Pioneer Valley Council BSA Patch as well as ribbons for pack participation.

Pack 75 is sponsored by Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. Anyone wishing to join may call 786-2309. If no answer, please leave a message and you will be called back.

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FIRST- AND SECOND-YEAR WEBELOS from Pack 75, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church, are pictured taking turns going through an opening in rope without touching it and not using any opening twice, during Webelos Woods 2000 held recently at Moses Scout Reservation.

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Parish News And Notes From St. John The Evangelist Church

ADULT CONFIRMATION: FINAL CALL for adults who would like to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, which will be administered in October. Contact Sr. Mary Clare, Fr. Bill, or Fr. Howard. We will have some sessions with this group to get them ready.

LAY MINISTRY IS NOT JUST FOR A CHOSEN FEW! Would you like more information on our upcoming fall session? Please call the Office of Lay Ministry Formation for a catalog, 452-0658, or e-mail: layministry@diospringfield.org.

INTERESTED IN INQUIRING INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? Our RCIA program for inviting and welcoming new members will begin in the fall. It begins with a simple inquiry to answer any questions and see if it is something which should be pursued. If you or someone you know is looking for a church, you might suggest their thinking about looking into the Catholic family. Sometimes, all people need is an invitation. They may need YOU to open a door for them. You would really be surprised how hard it is for some to take this step. Please call Fr. Bill, Sr. Mary Clare, or Fr. Howard. We would be happy to discuss a journey of faith.

ST. JOHN'S BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: We can still use a few good men, both on the committee and for some projects. Call Emile at 786-8105.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD: The Guild will meet on Tuesday, September 5th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center; a social evening is planned. New members

Catholic Women's Club Of Agawam To Hold Welcoming Tea On Monday, September 11th

Please join the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam for their first meeting of the 2000-2001 year and a Welcoming Tea Monday, September 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street.

Have you ever wondered where Malta was? Well, here is your opportunity! Guest speaker, Cecile Hamel-Roy will share her experience about this small Mediterranean island situated between the coasts of Sicily and North Africa. Mrs. Hamel-Roy was raised in Agawam, received a B.A. from the College of Saint Francis, New York, and an M.Ed. from Cabrini College, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hamel-Roy presently

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HELP: The **BAZAAR** is coming ... the **BAZAAR** is coming and we **need your help**. Our Bazaar has been the best of its kind in the area for years, and virtually the only fundraiser that we have here at St. John's. All the proceeds of the Bazaar go directly to the parish. This year the date is **DECEMBER 2ND** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We need chairwomen for the Christmas Decorations Booth and the Sewing Booth. We are also looking for people to sew and knit. We need to find and encourage these talents in our midst. It would be a shame if the giftedness of the past could not be passed on to our younger generations. **A talent for holiday decorations?** We can use you, too. Those who work on the Bazaars have found them very rewarding experiences. Come and see how you could fit in. **Call the chairwoman for the Bazaar, Joan Malinoski, at 789-0299.** She would love to hear from you!

PARISH WEB SITE: We are working on our Parish Web Site. We hope to have it as a useful communication tool. You can find it now in its initial stages at www.stjohnsevangelistchurch.org.

ANYONE ELSE INTERESTED? We are still investigating a renewal of our Sunday morning **PRESCHOOL PROGRAM** during the 9:30 Mass. Children (ages three to five) would be welcomed to the lower Church area for some simple activities while the parents have a chance to worship upstairs. Give Father Howard or a member of the Parish Council a call.

News & Notes From Agawam Congregational

On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, our service begins at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Eisenbach speaking on "PEACE WITH GOD." Come join us for a time with the Lord with fellowship immediately following the service.

September is the month when everything gets going. A 13-week Grief Group beginning in the fall will provide an opportunity for healing. Grief is one of life's deepest hurts, which can continue on and on... The group will be led by Rev. Eisenbach and his wife, Barbara, using a video series called "Grief Share."

Also, the Wednesday evening prayer and healing service will begin with praying, sharing, and teaching on "The Healing Ministry of Jesus." Jesus' ministry of healing of the mind, spirit, and body is for us today, so come and let the healing presence of the Lord bring you wholeness.

The Pastor and his wife, Barbara, are members of the Order of St. Luke, an international healing and prayer ministry. They are available and will pray with individuals after the service.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 a.m. each Wednesday morning. We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

Appraisal Fair To Be Held

September 7th, 3:00 To 7:00 P.M.

Back by popular request, the Fellowship Guild will be having its second Appraisal Fair. Bring in your treasured items and find out how much they are worth. The cost is only \$4 per item. No limit.

Free coffee and tea will be served. There will also be a Bake Sale Table, which will include all the favorite goodies. Come and bring a friend.

Douglas Bilodeau (Douglas Auctioneer) of So. Deerfield, MA, will be the appraiser.

Six Flags Consignment Tickets

Adults - \$20.50 (save \$14.49) \$2 contribution to Parish Cupboard; Junior - \$16.50 (36"-48" in height - Under 36" N/C) 50 cents to Parish Cupboard. Good any day this season. One day's admission per ticket.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.



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God Weighs In On The Issues...

Recently, a friend asked how we can know if the Bible is the entire Word of God. Maybe the best answer to my friend's question is that God has spoken thoroughly to humankind through the Bible; that in it God has more than adequately addressed all of our questions and issues.

For example, one of the "hot topics" of our day is Social Security. Closely tied in with the issue of Social Security is health care coverage, particularly for our senior citizens. It should not come as a great surprise to anybody that God has already weighed in on the issue.

There are, as most people are at least somewhat aware, Ten Commandments. What some people may not realize is that in one of those Commandments, God specifically addresses the issue of Social Security. That's right, God was thinking about Social Security long before our politicians ever thought of creating the "third rail of politics."

The fifth of the Ten Commandments is, **"Honor your father and your mother as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you."** Now, many people might think that to **"Honor your father and your mother"** means don't say anything bad about them. It may mean that, but that certainly isn't all it means. According to Jesus, **"Honor your father and your mother"** means to take care of them in their old age. **And Jesus said to them, "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother.' But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban' (that is, a gift devoted to God), then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother. Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition. And you do many things like that."**

Jesus clearly defines for us in this statement what the Fifth Commandment actually means. Clearly, Jesus is saying that the Fifth Commandment means

we are to provide for our parents in their old age. God was so determined that His law about Social Security be observed that the Fifth Commandment is the only one which comes with an enticing promise attached to it; **"So that you may live long and that it may go well with you."**

It would appear that God knew what He was doing when He attached a promise of blessing to His Social Security law. Jesus complained to the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, **"You have let go of the commands of God,"** and **"You nullify the word of God."**

The concept of "Corban" was basically that a person would deposit his or her assets into a trust fund, supposedly for religious purposes. The religious leaders taught that the donor of "Corban" would then no longer be obligated to provide for his or her elderly parents.

To Jesus, and hopefully to any of us who understands "Corban," such a scheme is appalling!

It is interesting to note that the word "Corban" itself appears in the Bible exactly once, in the Gospel account of Jesus' encounter with the Pharisees and teachers of the law, on this topic. The word Jesus used, and which His hearers immediately and fully understood, "Corban," does not appear in the Old Testament; not even once.

"Corban" was a scheme concocted by people to circumvent the laws of God. "Corban" is not only abhorrent, because it defrauds one's parents of what God says they are entitled to, it is downright stupid. After all, had not God Himself promised **"that it may go well with you."**?

Psalms 15 asks, **"Lord, who may dwell in Your sanctuary? Who may live on Your holy hill?"** Among the answers provided for that question is, **"He who keeps his oath even when it hurts."**

While it might put a dent in a person's aspirations to become or remain a solid citizen in the middle class by obeying the Fifth Commandment, **"Honor your father and your mother,"** there are great promises of blessing which are made by none other than God Himself, if we do.

Whether it's the question of "Corban" versus the Fifth Commandment, or about obeying any of God's commandments, it is always better to do it God's way.

"Hear now, the decrees and laws that I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the Lord is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you."

Calendar From Feeding Hills Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. and will this week be led by guest minister Marion Hansen. Sue Boisvert will be Lector. Ushers will be Sue Boisvert and Chris Chapman. Jeff Chapman will serve as Acolyte. Children are invited to attend worship with adults.

Worship hour will once again start at 10:00 a.m. beginning on Rally Day, September 10th. This is an exciting time as folks return from vacation, the choir begins singing again during worship, and we gear up for Sunday School. In celebration of our church youth, a cookout will follow the service. The Board of Christian Education will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages. Those in attendance are asked to bring a snack, salad, or dessert to share. It is not required but would help the CE Board with their plans if church members would use the posted sign-up sheet or call the church office if they plan to attend the picnic.

For those looking for a more meaningful way to contribute to the church and participate more fully in church activities, choir practice will resume in September on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Beginning in September, Rev. Donaldson will hold office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

That sound of scurrying you hear in the church halls is not mice. Smart Start Preschool is moving into our building! As can be expected, there is much equipment being brought in, a play area being built and fenced in, and lots of active children will soon be around. Please keep this in mind if you stop by the church in the future.

On the calendar:

Sunday, September 3rd: 9:30 a.m., Worship with Marion Hansen; 11:00 a.m., Church of Redemption.

Tuesday, September 5th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, September 6th: 7:30 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, September 7th: Smart Start Preschool Open House.



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2. Believe that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
3. Trust in Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord. Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

The time to trust in Christ, to make Him the object of your faith, is now. You can do it today by praying something like this:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and that in my own strength I cannot do anything to please You or to earn eternal life. I believe that You love me and that You sent Your Son to die on the cross to pay the penalty for my sin. I now put my faith in You and trust completely in Jesus Christ to rescue me. I desire to turn away from my sin and to let You take control of my life. Amen.

If you prayed that prayer in all sincerity, you can say, "Now I have the right kind of faith!"

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Valley Comm. Church To Hold Sunday School "Rally Day"

The Valley Community Church will hold "Rally Day" for its Christian Education program on Sunday, September 10th, following its morning worship service.

This is an exciting occasion for all families of the church returning from summer vacations. Children from pre-school to eighth grade will have an opportunity to meet their Sunday School teachers, participate in some fun Bible-teaching activities, and share refreshments and fellowship with old friends.

It will be an opportunity to meet new friends as well as several new children, and their parents have expressed an interest in attending. Pastor Gene de Jongh will also be conducting a Bible study class for adults on Sundays at 11:00 a.m., following the 9:30 a.m. worship service and fellowship time.

Visitors are always welcome to this friendly, non-denominational church located on the hill. "Rally Day" would be an especially good time for families to witness the Christian love and care our church family has for its young people.

For more information or if you wish to make an appointment to talk with our pastor, please call the church office at 786-2445.

Art Auction Slated By Catholic Women's Club

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will host an art auction of fine art presented by Ross Gallery of New York to benefit the Catholic Women's Club Scholarship Fund on Saturday, October 14th. The auction will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Center, 833 Main Street, Agawam.

An art preview will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the auction starting at 7:30. Refreshments of wine punch, cheese and crackers, and cake and coffee will be served throughout the evening. Door prizes and a raffle will be available at the conclusion of the auction.

The cost of the tickets is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. For tickets and further ticket information, please call Mary Gontczaruk at (413) 786-0283.

Ag. Congregational Church To Host Appraisal Fair

Come to the Appraisal Fair at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam on Sept. 7th from 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Coffee and tea will be served and there will be a Bake Sale Table with all the favorite goodies.

Cost is \$4 per item. No limit on items. Find out the worth of your treasures!

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News From Faith Bible Church In Agawam

Our Saturday Outreach program is going along very well. People come out to greet us from 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. on Saturdays when we go into the north end of Springfield with food and clothing.

The people are very welcoming and the feelings that everyone leaves with make all efforts worthwhile.

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study is still continuing at 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. The past few months, these were held at various women's homes and a brunch was served.

Anyone interested in joining these Bible studies should contact the church to find out where the next one is being held. The number to call is 786-1681.

"Church News" is a regular feature of The Agawam Advertiser News...

We have a group going to Haiti in February. This is a trip that is taken yearly to help the missionaries in Haiti build churches or other buildings. Many hands make for much lighter work.

Anyone interested in going to Haiti in February should contact the church at 786-1681.

We finally have a date for our church tag sale and it will be October 13th and 14th.

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St. Joseph's Polish Church To Host Harvest Festival On Sunday, September 10th

St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church in Westfield will hold its annual **Dozynki-Polish Harvest Festival** on Sunday, September 10th. The Festival will be held from 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m. at the parish social center and parish grounds, Main Street and Clinton Avenue, Westfield.

The harvest wreath, which will be blessed during the 8:00 a.m. Mass that morning, will be brought to the festival with the procession starting at 3:00 p.m.

The 2000 program will also include games for chil-

dren and youth as well as the adults. New games and other surprises will be added to this year's format. The kitchen will be open from noon until closing. Polish favorites, including pierogi (both cheese and cabbage), golabki, kapusta, kielbasa and more, as well as American foods, will be featured. There is no admission charge and the public is cordially invited.

Dozynki is a festival of praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the goodness He has given us and it is a time to enjoy these gifts God has given us as well.

Sacred Heart Tag & Craft Sale Scheduled For September 9th

The annual Tag and Craft Sale at Sacred Heart Church will be held on Saturday, September 9th, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the church parking lot.

There will be 30 spots offering Tag or Craft items. There will also be a Bake Sale and a Snack Bar.

In case of rain, the sale will be held the following Saturday.

Our classified ads cost just \$10 per week for 30 words or less; however, we DO NOT take them over the telephone. Please bring them to our office at 23 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills Center (above Remillard Insurance Agency), or mail them (along with payment) to P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Trinity United Methodist Church To Host Trinity Sunday

On Sunday, September 10th, Trinity United Methodist Church, Springfield, invites all who wish to attend their annual TRINITY SUNDAY. The day will begin with Sunday School Registration at 9:00 a.m., followed by Worship services at 10:30.

Childcare will be available during worship. Worship will be immediately followed by a free cookout on the front lawn (weather permitting), otherwise, indoors. All are invited to attend and find out what Trinity United Methodist Church is all about.

Trinity Church is a wonderful place to worship for all ages. It offers programs for everyone, including Bible Study/education, Youth Fellowship, recreation facilities, choirs for all ages, nursery school, and childcare during worship.

For more information, call the office at (413) 737-5311. Hope to see you there!

Crafters Wanted For Lioness Club's Holiday Craft Fair

The Agawam Lioness Club is seeking crafters for its upcoming Holiday Craft Fair. The fair will be held on Saturday, November 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas School in West Springfield.

Interested crafters are asked to please call 789-0015.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

Crossroad Christian Fellowship To Hold "Weigh Down Workshop"

Do you feel like you are constantly fighting a battle with food, trying diet after diet, with only temporary results? Are you tired of tasteless fat-free foods, diet exchange lists, and have-to exercise programs?

If so, join us for a free orientation session on September 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Crossroad Christian Fellowship, 522 Springfield St., Agawam. Come learn more about the Weigh Down Workshop's EXODUS Out of Egypt seminar, the program that is changing people's lives as well as their weight.

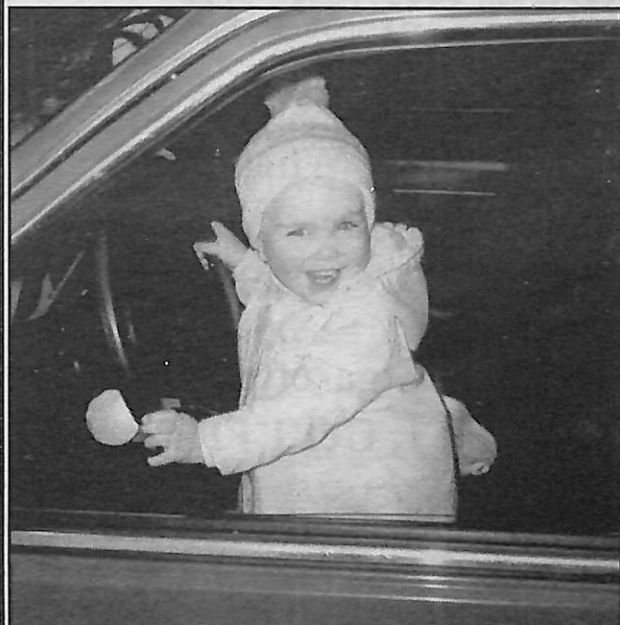
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Spotlight on Business

Giovanni's Bakers Share Secrets Of Baking From Scratch

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

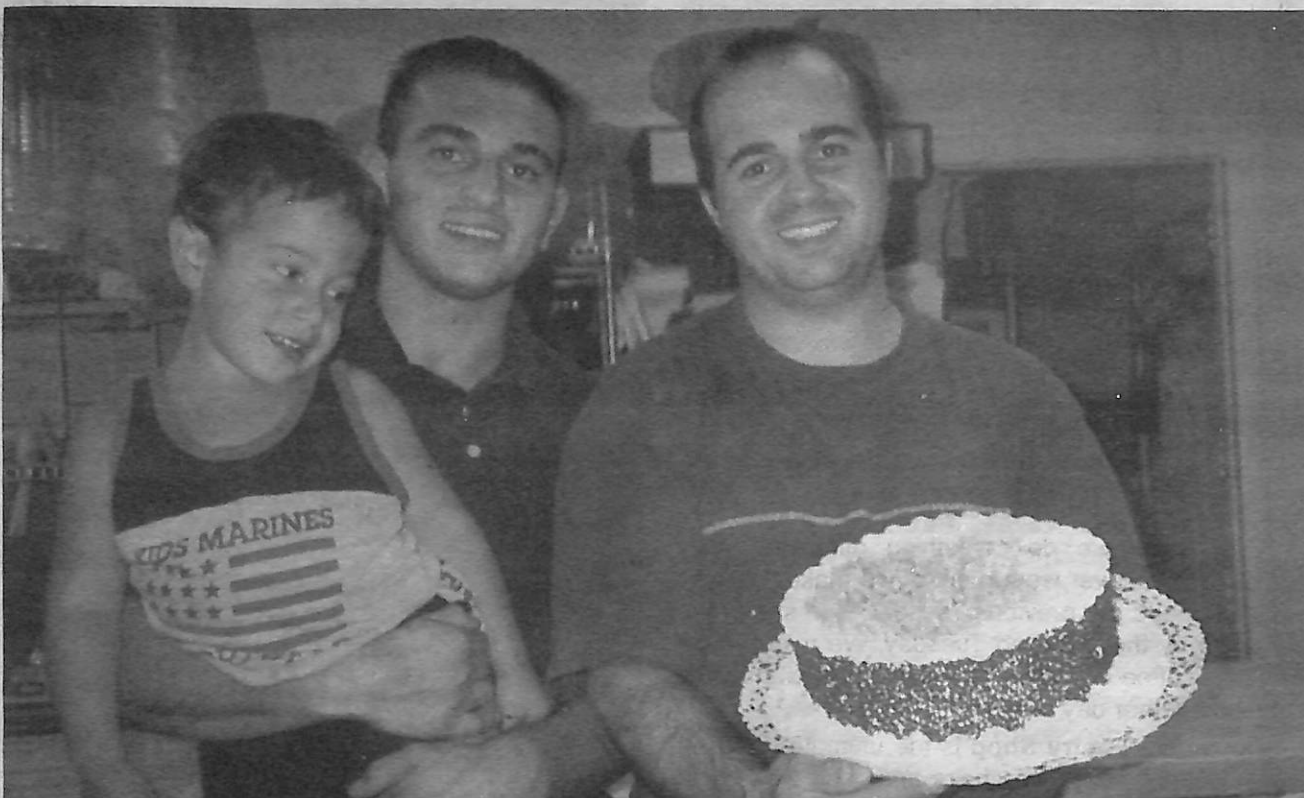
The art of feeding the community's "sweet tooth" starts every day at 5:00 a.m. for Bruno and Tony Giovanni. They begin by making breakfast pastries, such as cinnamon twists, strawberry and cheese croissants, apple, blueberry and cherry turnovers, and raspberry and lemon danish in the shape of figure eights.

You can say good-bye to *your* figure eight if you eat too much of *this* food, although by some miracle, every member of the Giovanni family remains fit and slim. All the breakfast goodies are ready by 7:00 a.m. when **Giovanni's Pastry Shop** at 719 Main Street, Agawam Center, opens for the public.

"We have coffee, cappuccino in different flavors, and ice coffee to go with the pastries," Tony told us. Since his parents returned to Italy, it is Tony and Bruno who do most of the baking. By 8:00 a.m., they start filling cake orders, while constantly supplying more pastries, cookies, biscotti, and cannolis, and helping out in the front of the store whenever necessary.

Bruno and Tony fill between 10 and 20 orders for cakes per day. The cake selection includes sponge cake, white cake, chocolate, marble, no rum cake, whip cream cake, rum cake, ricotta cake, chocolate strawberry, chocolate cherry, chocolate fudge, chocolate ricotta, cappuccino, German chocolate, and carrot cake.

The sight of a Giovanni birthday cake could whet the appetite of the most satiated, and the flavor of



ANOTHER WORK OF ART completed by Bruno and Tony Russo of Giovanni's Italian Bakery and Pastry Shop in Agawam Center (with a little help from Tony's son, Giovanni). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

their frosting and cakes can bring the most steadfast dieter to the table. The frosting is made in huge mixing bowls, with beaters which are almost waist high, electrically spinning until ingredients are blended.

The sugar has been poured through a sifter the circumference of a medicine ball; the frosting is stored in large bins deeper than the length of a man's arm; huge spatulas lift frosting out of the bins and onto the cake. This frosting has been made from scratch using vegetable shortening, vanilla, and powdered sugar (which has been sifted and added to the large, stain-

less steel bowl and beaten by the helft beaters).

For a typical cake, the two halves of the cake, previously made from scratch and frozen, are retrieved from the refrigerator. A drop of frosting is placed on a circular piece of cardboard to hold in place a lacey doily. The bottom layer of the cake is placed there and frosted, with chocolate sprinkles on the side.

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~Ms. Baldyga is an alumna/graduate of Boston Conservatory, The Julliard School and an alumna/faculty member of Jacob's Pillow. Her students from Dance Arts have been accepted to the following programs: Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, San Francisco Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Walnut Hill, Burklm Ballet, Boston Ballet, Hartford Ballet, Richmond Ballet, Washington Ballet, Berkshire Ballet, Pioneer Valley Ballet, State University of New York, Purchase and University of the Arts. Additionally, her students from Dance Arts have been featured on national broadcasts of Good Morning America.

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white frosting is added to the cake, with swirling corollas, coronas, and designs that promise extra mouthwatering flavor with each piece of cake. Next, colored icing is stirred in a stainless steel bowl, adding food coloring. Pink might be used for flowers, green for leaves, and more pink for the person for whom the cake has been ordered.

The Giovanni kitchen is immaculate, with plenty of counter space in which to work. There is a sheeter for stretching the dough of breads and pastries, such as sfogliatelle. The giant freezer stores confections which have been made in advance because of a demand for them. In the large oven with revolving shelves, certain breads and pastries are baked and kept warm due to the revolving action of the shelves.

Something Different Every Day

"Every day, we do something different," Tony explains. "Whatever we run out of we make. Usually, what we made the previous Tuesday is in short supply again by the following Tuesday. We might make an apple coffee cake one day and a pistachio coffee cake on another day."

Giovanni's Pastry Shop is the ultimate in hospitality. Tasteful, attractive chairs and tables offer just the right combination of intimacy and privacy. Friends can meet for coffee and sweets, while business acquaintances can find a spot away from crowded, hectic places to go over details of a sales agreement or contract.

Pies can be made to order, such as Boston cream, banana cream, fresh fruit with kiwi, strawberries, and peaches, or strawberries on sponge cake with vanilla custard on cookie dough. Other favorite delicacies offered at **Giovanni's** are the almond hazelnut and chocolate covered almond biscotti, which are similar to hard cookies which can be dunked in one's coffee.

Giovanni's mini-pastries, made to order, were listed for us: mini cannoli, mini sfogliatelle, and mini pasticcotti. Also available are eclairs, cream puffs, fruit tarts, chocolate tarts, and cannoli tarts.

A round, double-layered birthday cake can be purchased at **Giovanni's** for under \$15. These people are always pleasant, their portions are generous, and the food is utterly delicious.

Giovanni's opens for business every morning at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 6:00 p.m. On Saturdays, their hours are 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; on Sundays, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.; and on Mondays, they are closed. This place and the confections they create, we warn you, can be habit-forming.

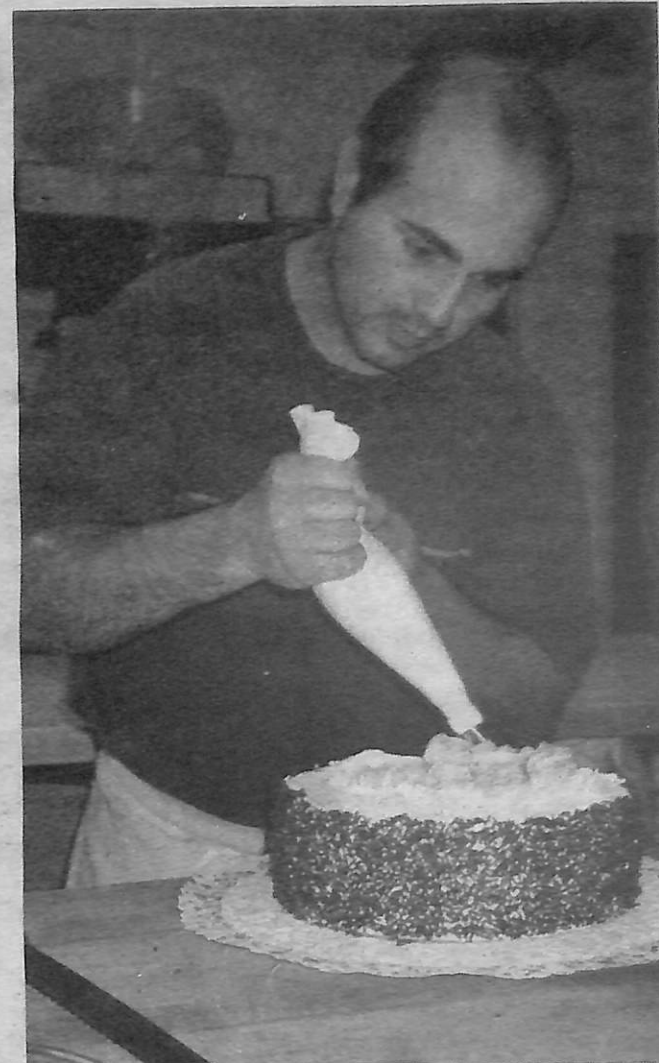
ACCGS Members To Rack-Up Leads At "After 5"

The Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield, Inc. will hold its first networking event of the season, "Rack Up The Leads (And Dress Down the Clothes)" After 5, on September 13th at 5:00 p.m. at Boston Billiard Club in West Springfield.

Sponsored solely by Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, the After 5 is a perfect place for business professionals to network in a casual setting. Billiards tables will be available for use by attendees at no charge, and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring business cards for networking as well as for entrance into the raffle prize drawings.

Tickets to the September After 5 are \$5, and reservations must be made in writing and in advance. Reservations may be made by faxing or mailing Laurie Brunelle, Events Coordinator, Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield, Inc., 1441 Main Street, Suite 136, Springfield, MA 01103-1449, fax: (413) 731-8530.

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BRUNO RUSSO FILLS THE cornucopia with pink frosting before beginning to decorate cakes and pastries at Giovanni's Italian Bakery and Pastry Shop in Agawam Center. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Tony Russo is pictured decorating a birthday cake. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

Christina Ferrari Receives "Outstanding Service Award"

Christina Ferrari, a 1993 graduate of Agawam High School, was recently presented the "Outstanding Service Award" from Fidelity Investments. This award is given to individuals who demonstrate exceptional ability in their field.

Christina has been employed at Fidelity Investments in Worcester since graduating from

Bryant College in 1997. She is a Senior Actuarial Analyst with the company.

Ms. Ferrari is the daughter of Stephen and Kathlyn Ferrari of Feeding Hills. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Joseph Ferrari, also from Feeding Hills, and Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jones of Muncie, Indiana.

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Eventually, the claimant began treating with a pain specialist and underwent a series of physical therapy treatments, trigger joint injections, and epidural steroid injections. Her initial complaints were to her cervical regions; she later developed pain in her lumbar region.

An MRI subsequently revealed a L4-5 disk herniation with partial compression on the right L5 root. The claimant continues to experience ongoing symptomatology, including lower back pain with radiculopathy.

The claimant incurred \$19,139 in medical expenses. She was deemed totally disabled for two weeks and partially disabled for 72-1/2 weeks, resulting in \$5,338 in lost wages. She was assessed at 10 percent partial impairment.

The respondent disputed the casual relationship between the claimant's herniated disk and the accident, and challenged the nature and extent of the claimant's injury.

The case was settled for \$67,427.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

ECS, Inc. Announces Agawam Promotions

Environmental Compliance Services, Inc. (ECS) would like to announce and offer congratulations to the following individuals who were recently promoted.

At corporate headquarters in Agawam, William Simmons II was promoted to project manager; Brett Simmons was promoted to senior technician; Frank Sepiol and Mary Donovan were promoted to field technician II; Kristen Kozel was promoted to reimbursement manager and permit coordinator; and Melissa Breton was promoted to senior accounting assistant.

Julie Prior of ECS's Brattleboro, Vermont office was promoted to project manager; and at ECS's Brighton, MA location, Craig Ellis was promoted to senior project manager and Michael McDonough was promoted to level II civil engineer. Brighton's Phil Buchanan has taken on a new position as a field technician.

ECS is a full-service environmental consulting firm that was established in 1982. With its corporate headquarters in Agawam and branch offices in Brighton, Brattleboro, and Brandon, Florida, ECS consists of more than 90 professionals experienced in virtually every aspect of environmental services.

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- * How often you are available to look and what you expect from your agent in terms of availability.

- * How to communicate (e-mail, telephone updates) and when (daily or weekly).

Your agent should explain:

- * Buyer brokerage versus seller's representation (disclosure of Agency Relationship is mandatory Massachusetts law).

- * All the paperwork you will be expected to sign throughout the process (get copies to review).

- * Financing options (you should obtain a pre-approval from a lending institution before looking at houses).

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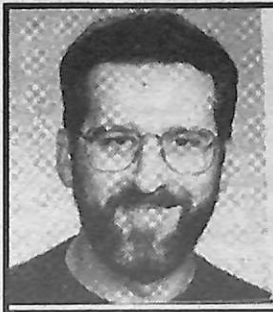


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A Life and Death Transition: Our Fluid Child

My daughter lay eyes closed on a antiseptic stainless steel table with feeding tubes and monitors measuring every drip of fluid going in and out of her fragile body. Only days before, she thrived inside Mom's lively juices. Born into our world via emergency c-section, she arrived beautiful, responsive, and healthy... so we thought.

Big brother arrived to share the joy of his little sister by holding her, taking photos, enjoying her being held by Daddy, and watching her awkwardly try to latch onto Mom's breast. Mom's spinal anesthetic limited their bonding, so Dad and big brother shared the holding for Mom.

Little sister Julia Gene was named after great-grandma and grandpa. Julia's heart was malformed and, after only three hours of bonding, the concern heightened. She was soon taken away from Mom and brother to a special hospital that would (only days later) perform open heart surgery. The split was deeply felt: Mom recovering in the hospital, big brother at home with child care, and Dad off in another state with his first-born daughter.

Transitions from life to death? This is what my young family faced some nine years ago. I can still remember today how I longed to switch places with Julia. "Take me," I angrily yelled at God. "Please, let her big brother hold her one more time!"

My wife finally made it to the Children's Hospital for three brief days. A second surgery and kidney failure increased the medications, tubes, monitors, and decreased the urine output. Toxic build-up doubled her birth weight.

My son and I raced to the hospital to say good-bye.

Heritage Woods To Host Antique Car & Motorcycle Show

On Sunday, September 10th, in honor of National Grandparents' Day and National Assisted Living Week, Heritage Woods Assisted Living Community is proud to host an Antique Car and Motorcycle Show from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

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She died on route. We held her and bonded with her for nearly three hours. We cried, took turns holding her, took photos, talked about Julia's tremendous fight for life, and told the story of her never-ending bubbles that talked to us in her silence.

Some days earlier, I wrote a poem entitled "Bubbles" and later read it at her wake service. Big brother's gift, "Pinky" (a pink stuffed bear), was with Julia every moment. He choose to have Pinky in the casket, and (just before saying his final good-bye) he decided he wanted to keep Pinky. Pinky continues to be a part of our family.

We shared our 11-day story with family and friends. Big brother proudly introduced everyone to his little sister in the open casket. We played music, read scripture, sang, had open prayer time, and some powerful silence and bonding. Julia brought so many together.

Last week, I spoke about different points of transition. *As with all life and death experiences, we are challenged by the moment.* How do you creatively celebrate and mourn, perhaps have to introduce and say good-bye at the same time; yell in anger and seek comfort from the same God; and/or face the overwhelming task of trying to care for self while everything and everyone around you pulls at you to do just the opposite?

I think how we introduce RITUAL into the process can make all the difference in the world. Rituals can invite the community into the transition experience, so as not to go it alone. Private or public, personal or familial; how transitions are lived out is unique. We are each, I believe, invited to live into the wonder that is uniquely **you!** What are some of the rituals you've used at important transition points in your life?

The complexity of life and death side by side.

Dan Pender, MA, MFT has a private practice as a Marriage & Family Therapist, specializing in individual, couple, and family relationships. He is a Clinical member of the American Association of Marriage & Family Therapy. He can be reached by e-mail at dpmft449@aol.com or P.O. Box 449, Agawam, MA 0100, or by phone at (413) 789-4460.

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Ann Favreau Elected President Of Ostomy Assoc.

Ann Favreau of Feeding Hills was elected to the office of President of the United Ostomy Association. The election was held August 18th at their Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

The United Ostomy Association is a volunteer-based health association dedicated to providing education, information, support, and advocacy for people who have had or will have intestinal or urinary diversions.

The association has upward of 30,000 members nationwide with chapters in every major city.

Mrs. Favreau is a past president and a current member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Springfield Chapter.

Community Blood Drive To Be Held Sept. 7th

An "Agawam Community Blood Drive" will be held in honor of Brianna Wright on Thursday, September 7th from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Micro Test Labs, the drive will be held at The Oaks, 1070 Suffield St., Agawam.

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Registered Dietician

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* Limit carbohydrates to 20 grams/day for the induction phase of the diet and 0 to 60 grams/day in the ongoing weight loss phase. Carbohydrate intake ranges from 25 to 90 grams/day in the maintenance diet.

* Unlimited quantities of protein foods and fat (steak, bacon, eggs, chicken, fish, butter, and vegetable oil) are allowed. Avoid or limit carbohydrates, specifically breads, pasta, most fruits and vegetables, milk, and yogurt.

Concerns:

* No published scientific studies support the diet claims.

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* Diet is low in calcium, magnesium, potassium, vitamin C, and folate (dietary supplements are recommended).

Next week, we review "The Zone Diet."

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association. She can be reached at 850 Springfield St., Suite 4, Feeding Hills, MA 01030; (413) 786-2957. Accepting Tufts, Secure Horizons, and Harvard Pilgrim.



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It is during the developmental years of childhood that serious structural problems of the spine have their beginnings. We see spinal curvatures, or scoliosis, and other structural distortions beginning due to the seemingly harmless ways that our kids grow up.

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Witness your child carrying an armload of his or her schoolbooks daily and you'll see some of the stress the spine is subject to. You may have seen one of your children falling off a bicycle or "wiping out" on a skateboard.

Watch your youngster play football, soccer, wrestling, gymnastics, and you witness hundreds of jolts and jars to his or her body per season. You begin to realize that chiropractic care is important in detecting and correcting any imbalances or misalignments of the spine.

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itself to these maladies in early childhood, they can be easily and effectively corrected.

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Shouldn't your child have a chiropractic examination? Start the new school year off right!

Should additional information be needed, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any member of my office staff at 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, MA 01001 (413) 789-1369 or 789-1073.

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September Programs & Events At Noble Hospital In Westfield

Tai Chi Classes for Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced will resume on September 12th. Cost for nine-week session is \$81. Master Instructor: Baiqing Li. To obtain registration form, call HealthBeat at 568-2328.

Smoking Cessation, "Forgetting Cigarettes" two-part series, Tuesday, September 12th and Sunday, September 17th, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Bronson Music Room, Noble Hospital. Joseph Barako, R.N., Certified Hypnotherapist. Course fee is \$40. Class size is limited. Advance registration required. To register, call HealthBeat at 568-2328.

"Hearts and Flowers" - September 15th at Stanley Park Pavilion - 2:30-6:30 p.m. Features a Heart-Smart Dinner to be served at 5:30 p.m.; lecture by Alan Wiseman, board-certified cardiologist at 3:00 p.m.; light refreshments and relaxation in park at 4:00 p.m.; Robert Rivest Mime Theater at 4:30 p.m.

Informal questions and answers during dinner with Tricia Porter, R.N., B.S.N., Cardiac Rehabilitation Nurse at Noble Hospital, and Sara Sabelawski,

M.Ed., R.D., Clinical Dietitian at Noble Hospital. Cost is \$8 per person. To register, mail check payable to Noble Hospital, along with name and telephone number and number attending, to Noble Hospital Marketing Dept., P.O. Box 1634, Westfield, MA 01086-1634. For information, call Health Beat at 568-2328.

Cosmetic Plastic Surgery Seminar given by Gary E. Russolillo, M.C., Tuesday, September 19th, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Conference Room B. Seminar features a live chemical peel and is followed by complimentary, individual consultations. Light refreshments will be served; free of charge, limited seating, advance registration required. To register, call HealthBeat at 568-2328.

Bronson Rehabilitation Center - Annual Reunion and Picnic for all current and former patients and their families, Friday, September 22nd, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., on the Mill Street lawn at Noble Hospital. Free of charge. Advance registration required. To register, call 572-5151.

"Buddy Walk 2000" Scheduled For September 9th

On September 9th (rain date: September 10th), you can be a buddy for a day ... and make a friend for a lifetime.

Local children and adults with Down Syndrome, their friends, families, and tons of buddies will be walking the Third Annual Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome. This walk will help to educate our community about the potential of people with Down Syndrome.

The Town of Agawam, the National Down Syndrome Society, and Western Massachusetts families invite the public to celebrate "National Down Syndrome Awareness Month" by participating in the 2000 annual walk.

Registration starts at 10:00 a.m., with the walk starting at 11:00 a.m. The walk will start and finish at the Agawam High School, and it will be followed by lunch donated and prepared by the Outback Steakhouse (1537 Riverdale Road, West Springfield). Also, "Screech" from the Springfield Falcons will be with us throughout the walk.

The Agawam Buddy Walk is coordinated with the National Down Syndrome Society, and is one of more than 100 Buddy Walks held in cities across the country. To register or for more information, call 786-6393.

So, walk to help educate our community about the potential of people with Down Syndrome on September 9th. You'll be a buddy for a day ... and make a friend for lifetime.

Mercy Hospital Hosts Cancer Support Group

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. The free meetings are conducted Mondays at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

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Alzheimer's Support Group Available At The Atrium

The Atrium, located at 153 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, offers free monthly support groups for individuals caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or a similar memory disorder.

On the first Tuesday of every month, The Atrium is the site for a support group meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. A light supper is included.

On the third Wednesday of every month, an afternoon support group is held at the Chicopee Senior Center, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

If you would like further information, please contact Judy Pothul at The Atrium, 821-9911.

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Drinking Cranberry Juice Is Good...

I've been telling my patients for years about the effectiveness of cranberry juice for urinary tract infections. It's time again to discuss this effective, natural treatment for preventing and healing urinary tract infections.

Most health care providers rely on antibiotics to treat these conditions. Numerous studies suggest cranberry may prevent and heal these infections.

This isn't new news; there's been a connection as far back as the 1840's. Current cranberry research is focused on cystitis and pyelonephritis, both of which are caused by the bacteria E. coli. E. coli serve a positive purpose in the large intestine, but are also responsible for about 85 percent of urinary tract infections. Cystitis is an infection of the bladder; pyelonephritis is a kidney infection that results when the bacteria in the bladder migrate to the kidneys.

Healthy individuals have enough Tamms-Horsfall glycoprotein in their urine, which attaches itself to the E. coli bacteria and inhibits it from attaching to the bladder wall. People who lack this glycoprotein (or who have low levels of it) are more prone to infection.

Already in 1994, researchers at Weber State University in Utah determined cranberry contains a substance similar in activity to the Tamms-Horsfall glycoprotein. In addition, a 1994 Harvard University study involving 153 elderly women with histories of repeat urinary tract infections showed that regular consumption of cranberry juice can decrease the incidence of these infections.

Researchers continue to validate cranberry's usefulness as an alternative to antibiotics for urinary tract infections. Cranberry is a welcome option to taking an antibiotic regularly, as antibiotic use can trigger allergic reactions and develop antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria. (This information was derived from Prescription For Health journal August 2000.)

Considering Massachusetts is the home of cranberries, time to take advantage of this and drink up!

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at 850 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. She can be reached at 786-4820.

Noble Hospital presents ...

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The registration fee for Hearts and Flowers Dinner and Retreat is \$8.00 per person. Seating is limited and advanced registration is required. Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 6, 2000. Complete this form and mail it with your check to: Noble Hospital, PO Box 1634, Westfield, MA 01086-1634, Attn: Marketing. For more information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

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Eastern States Expo Announces Debut Of Mardi Gras Parade

Eastern States Exposition announces an exciting addition to the 2000 Big E - the region's first-ever Mardi Gras Parade, complete with music, beads, doubloons and revelry, Sept. 15th-Oct. 1st in West Springfield.

The Exposition is working in partnership with Blaine Kern Artists, Inc., of New Orleans, to produce six large, colorful Mardi Gras floats to appear in The Big E Parade each day.

Each float will be fitted with light and sound systems to transform the Parade into an extravaganza of New Orleans proportion. The themes for these authentic floats are: **Island Party; Caribbean Carnival; Carnival in Rio; Carneval di Venice;** and **Mardi Gras New Orleans** as well as The Big E signature float, which depicts the **Boeuf Gras** (Fatted Calf).

The floats will make their debut on opening night, Friday, Sept. 15th, at a special **Mardi Gras Spectacular Parade** at 8:00 p.m. A stunning display of fireworks by Zambelli International will round out the festivities following the parade. Thereafter, the floats will be featured daily in the 5:00 p.m. Big E Grande Parade.

ESE President Wayne McCary said, "We wanted to kick off our first Fair of the millennium in spectacular fashion and are pleased with this unique opportunity to bring The Big E the high-energy celebration of an authentic Mardi Gras-style parade featuring spectacular New Orleans floats."

The Big E Mardi Gras Parade will be the first of its kind in the Northeast. Costumed riders on each float will toss colorful beads and doubloons (colored coins) to the crowd each day of The Big E. Caribbean Heat, a steel drum band appearing daily on the Main Stage, will also perform on the Caribbean Carnival float on opening night of the Fair.

The Kern Companies of New Orleans produce the renowned Mardi Gras parade each year and its founder, Blaine Kern, is known worldwide as "Mr.



A CONCEPTUAL DRAWING OF ONE OF THE FLOATS to be featured in this year's Mardi Gras Parade at The Big E.

Mardi Gras." The 51-year-old company produces close to 400 floats each year, worldwide. Outside of New Orleans, the only place to see a Mardi Gras parade in the United States is at Universal Studios in Florida and now, The Big Easy comes to The Big E!

Plans for the floats are currently being drawn up in New Orleans. The chassis will be built on the Exposition grounds while the ornate tops will be made in New Orleans and shipped to our Memorial Avenue location for attachment.

Most floats will be between 20 and 24 feet long and

16 to 18 feet high. The Big E Boeuf Gras float will be slightly shorter to fit beneath underpasses enabling it to be used at other events and parades. McCary said The Big E plans to add a new float each year, building to a parade of 10 to 12 floats.

"Our parade has always been a favorite with visitors and we're now taking it to a new dimension," he said.

For more information on Big E 2000, visit our web site at www.thebige.com or call the Exposition's Marketing Department at 413-787-0110.

Auditions Slated For Hilltop Players' "Headless Horseman"

Has anyone seen the Headless Horseman? Chances are you will at The Red Door Theatre on October 13th, 14th, 15th, 21st, and 22nd, as The Hilltop Players present "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

Auditions for this legendary supernatural tale will be held on September 10th and 11th from 7:00 to 9:00

p.m. at the theatre, located at 152 S. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Directors Margie Secora and Lyle Pearsons are looking for men, women, and children of various ages (10 to adult). Enthusiasm and dedication are required more than experience. You will be asked to do a cold reading from the script rather than a prepared monologue.

The Hilltop Players is a nine year-old theatre company that recently won first place Community Theatre in *The Springfield Valley Advocate* "Reader's Poll," and third place in *The Pioneer Valley* "Reader's Poll."

For more information, call (413) 789-2026.

Ag. Garden Club To Host Flower Show On Sept. 12th

On September 12th, the Agawam Garden Club will be having a Flower Show with different exhibits by Garden Club members. Co-chairwomen are Dot Brown, Barbara Farrington, and Betty James.

From September 15th-October 1st, the Garden Club will have a display in the New England Center Building on the grounds of The Big E. The theme this year will be "East Meets West."

The Agawam Garden Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome for a fee of \$2. The meetings are held at the Captain Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam. There is a guest speaker with refreshments following the meeting. Please join us!

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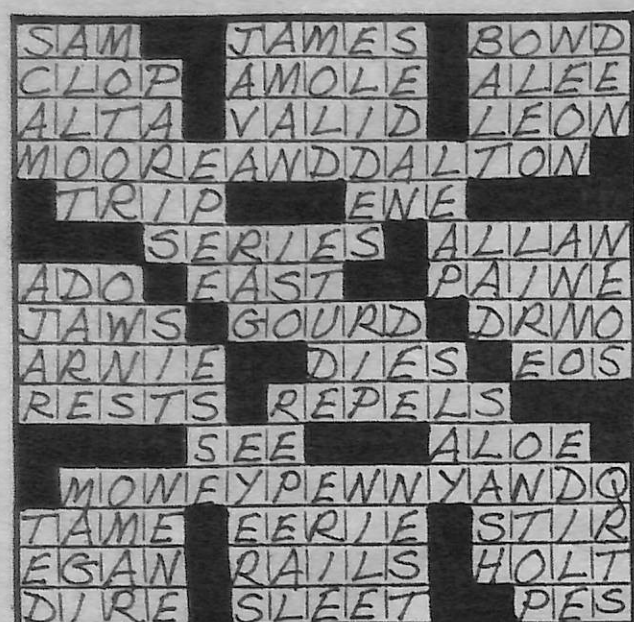
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Agawam Artists To Be Featured At Baystate Medical

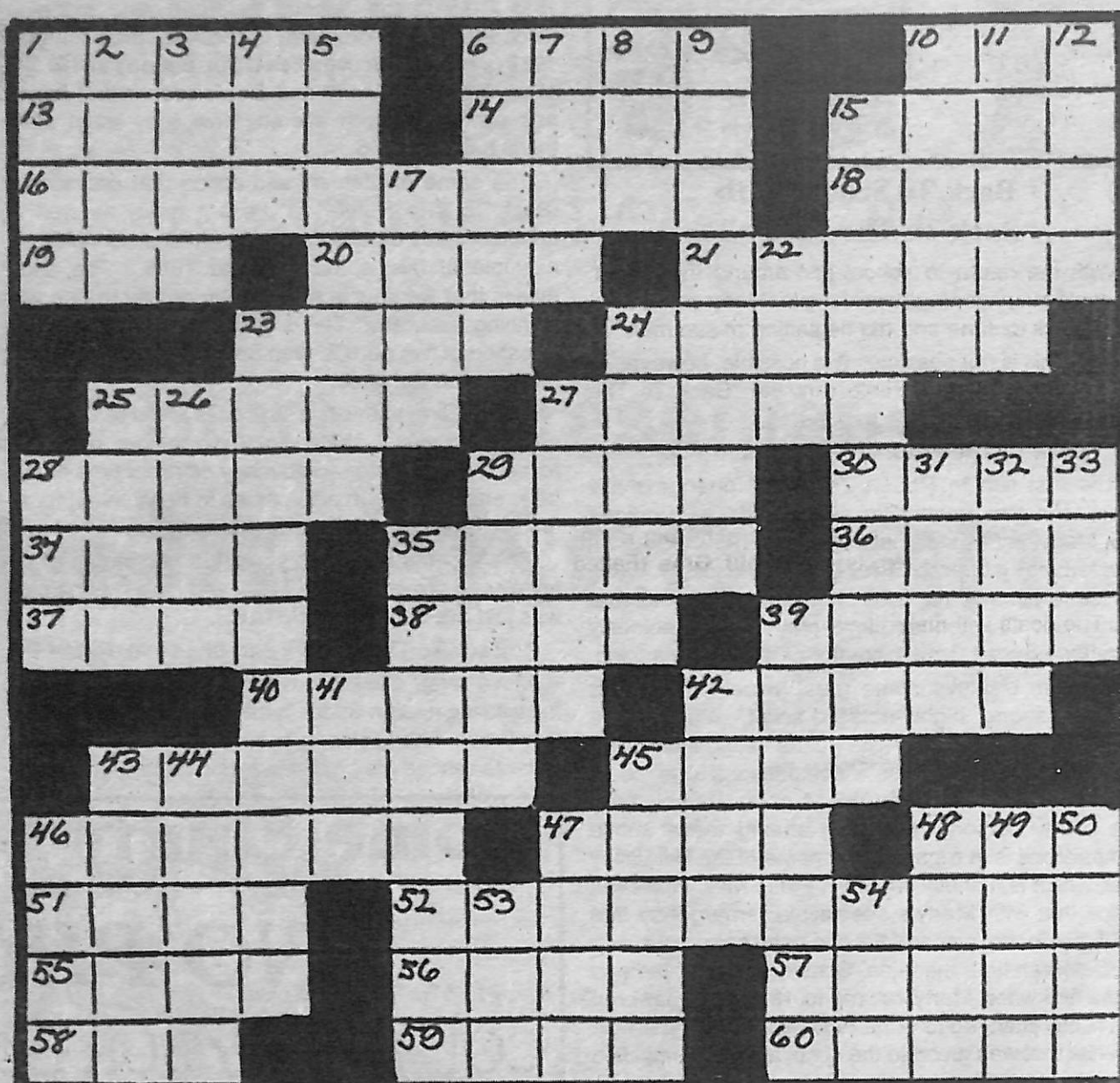
The Arts Alive Program, under the direction of Dr. J. Rosenthal at Baystate Medical Center, the Centennial Hallways (third floor) will contain the artworks of local and area artists of the Agawam Community Artists now through September 17th.

President Howard Safford was pleased to see the members' participation covering the Centennial walls which consisted of various mediums and diverse subject matters, including acrylics, oils, watercolors, still life, and collages.

The exhibit is open to the public at no charge. The Agawam Community Artists is partially funded by the Agawam Cultural Council supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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Back To School With "Back To The Future"...

With the return to school just around the corner, students everywhere are wishing that they could time-travel back to June and the beginning of summer.

Alas, this is not possible. It is possible, however, to travel to the video store to rent the "Back To The Future" trilogy.

* "Back To The Future": 1985, Rated PG.

The first film in Robert Zemeckis' phenomenally successful time-travel film series finds a teenaged boy, Marty McFly, sent back in time to 1955, where he inadvertently jeopardizes his own existence by foiling his future parents' romance. Michael J. Fox stars as Marty, and Christopher Lloyd plays the ingeniously nutty Dr. Emmett Brown, creator of the time machine.

The film displays some great visual effects and boasts a strong, highly-detailed script. Much of the fun in watching "Back To The Future" is the interesting - and seemingly endless - comparisons one could make between 1955 and 1985. A great example (and one of my personal favorites) among these subtle comparisons is in regard to the name of the Hill Valley Mall, which is, initially, the Twin Pines Mall. However, notice that with Marty's spectacular emergence into 1955, he destroys one of the two namesake trees with the DeLorean time machine. Consequently, at the end of the film when Marty returns to 1985, the mall sign has subtly changed to Lone Pine Mall. This is the type of detail that was given to the script and is exemplified throughout the film.

These complicated, but necessary, details of the story are told with perfect organization and logical narrative transitions. This enables the viewer to enjoy the film complacently instead of trying to assemble some sort of theatrical jigsaw puzzle in reference to the script.

If you thrive on excitement, drama, special effects, and even rudimentary suspense, then rent this film and experience "timeless" astonishment. **5 STARS.**

* "Back To The Future, Part II": 1989, Rated PG.

Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd are back as

Marty and Doc Brown to answer questions posed at the end of the first film. In order to solve some problems with the future McFly family, the duo travel to the year 2015 in the famous DeLorean time machine. Once the "future problem" is rectified, they return to 1985 (yes, 1985 is considered present-day in this film, also). Mortified, Marty and Doc discover that history has somehow been altered. Now they must again travel back to 1955.

The same excitement and action that prevailed in "Back To The Future" is present here, as well as another highly detailed and referential screenplay. An example of this is the return to 1955. The same events that we saw in the first film are recreated with stunning accuracy. This signifies, no doubt, the participation of film guru Steven Spielberg, who serves as producer on the films.

Also adding to this film's success is the return of the supporting cast. Watching these actors play their respective characters in so many different time eras is quite entertaining. It also proves to be yet another triumph of the film - the makeup artistry.

This film fits impeccably into the continuum of the trilogy and proves that for Marty and Doc, getting back was just the beginning. **4 STARS.**

* "Back To The Future, Part III": 1990, Rated PG.

Move over, Clint Eastwood! Marty McFly makes the wild west even wilder in this final film of the trilogy. Doc Brown has accidentally been stranded in 1955; in order to rescue his beloved sidekick, Marty must trav-

el to 1885 to prevent Doc's premature death.

As expected by now, the same intense action and laughs make this film as exciting as its predecessors. Also featured in this film is romance when Doc Brown, circa 1885, falls in love with a woman named Clara (played by Mary Steenburgen). As appealing as this romance is to the viewer, it proves to be quite a painful thorn in Marty's side since it makes his efforts to save Doc harder.

Amazing special effects and detailed continuity are again present this time around, thereby making this second sequel a quality installment in the trilogy. The suspense in this film stems from the clear possibility that Marty may not be able to return to his own time period. This situation worsens when the viewer realizes that the Doc Brown of 1885 doesn't possess the knowledge to construct a time machine, never mind trying to help Marty with its repair and operability.

The climax ends the trilogy on a very high note because it serves as a spellbinding grand finale that would make even the great H.G. Wells envious. **4 STARS.**

* "PISANO'S PICKS" REVIEW GUIDE: **5 STARS** - Extraordinary; **4 STARS** - Excellent; **3 STARS** - Good; **2 STARS** - Average; **1 STAR** - Watchable; **0 STARS** - Avoid.

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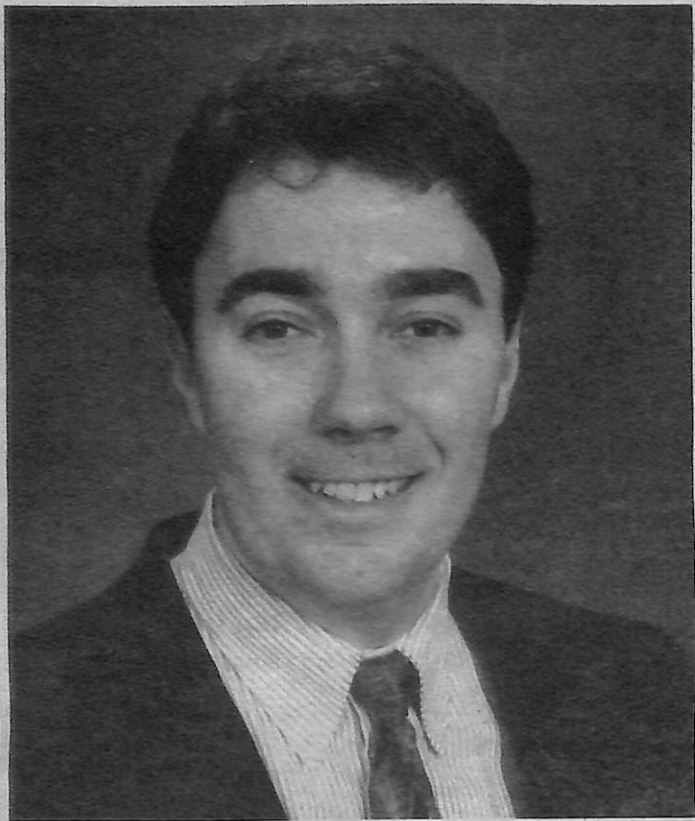
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At Equine Boulevard...

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IN LEFT PHOTO: Some of Equine Boulevard's summer campers inside the stables. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Swimming is an important part of most summer camps, and the recent summer camp at Equine Boulevard (at 286 South Street, Agawam) was no exception.

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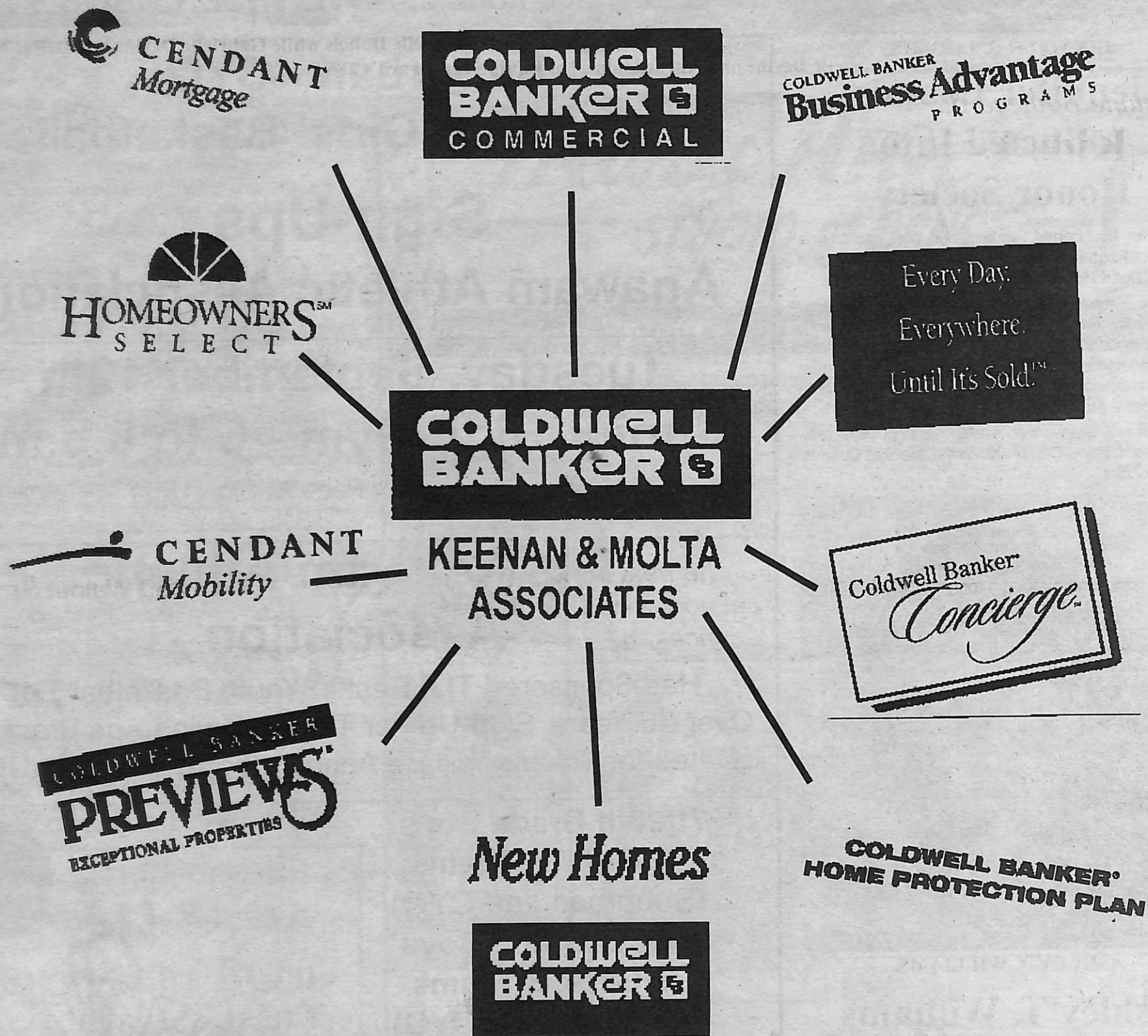
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JENNIFER R. LOOMIS

Jennifer Loomis Inducted Into Honor Society

Jennifer R. Loomis, daughter of Jim and Laurie Loomis of Feeding Hills, was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society on August 26, 2000.

She is attending Western New England College, where she is majoring in biomedical engineering. Alpha Lambda Delta recognizes students who have achieved academic distinction during their freshman year. Acceptance is based on attaining a minimum grade point average of 3.50.

The proud grandparents are Feeding Hills residents Ray & Alice Olson and Jim & Marilyn Loomis. Congratulations, Jennifer!



ASHLEY T. WILLIAMS

Ashley T. Williams Takes Awards At Westfield Fair

Ashley Taylor Williams, 10 year-old daughter of Warren and Cindy Williams of Meadowbrook Rd., Agawam, was recently crowned Overall Talent and Overall Sportswear Model at the Westfield Fair.

Ashley was also second runner-up in formalwear modeling and photogenic categories. Last month in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Ashley was awarded high gold trophies for her tap and open solos and for modeling. She was also part of the Grand National Champion Sr. Gym Team, which will be performing on E! Television in late January or early February of next year.

Ashley, a fifth-grader at the Agawam Middle School, has also won several high gold and gold awards at competitions throughout the winter and spring.

Ashley studies dance at New England Dance Center in Westfield under Loree Cloud.

New Plan For Safer Drop-Offs At AHS

A new plan for the safer drop-off of students at Agawam High School before school each day has been developed and will go into effect on Tuesday, September 5th.

The new plan involves a one-way traffic flow, beginning with a left-hand turn immediately at a sign posted at the entrance to the parking lot; a drive to the

back of the lot; and a right-hand turn to the center, where students will be dropped off at a crosswalk that leads to the front door.

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Due to the Labor Day holiday, our next edition will be published on Friday, September 8th; the deadline for that edition will be Wednesday, September 6th, at 12:00 noon ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

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This seminar will give families key information about the PSAT, the SAT, and the college admissions process, as well as Kaplan's proven test-taking strategies.

"A good SAT score is a powerful way for students to show admissions committees their potential," said Chad Schaedler, Executive Director of Pre-College Programs for Kaplan. "This free seminar introduces students to the exam, explains its role in the admissions process, and provides key strategies to help students raise their scores."

This is a free workshop, but seating is limited. For the location of the seminar nearest you, or to reserve a seat, call 1-800-KAP-TEST.

James Clark PTO Slates First Mtg. For September 12th

The first meeting of the James Clark School PTO will be held in the school's cafeteria on September 12th at 7:00 p.m. We have a new board this year and are looking for new ideas from all our parents.

If you are interested in helping or have any ideas, please call one of our new co-presidents - Robin Zello or Cathy Blood. Other new members include Mary Edmonds, treasurer; Kathy Wheeler and Louise Lombardi, secretaries.

See you at the first meeting.

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Jennifer Dobise Attends Career Explorations Weekend at Johnson & Wales University

Jennifer Dobise of Feeding Hills recently attended Johnson & Wales University's Career Explorations Weekend. She is the daughter of Michael and Lynne Dobise of Parkedge Drive in Feeding Hills and a student at The MacDuffie High School.

Designed to help high school students in their career decision-making, the summer Career Explorations Programs at Johnson & Wales University introduces students to career opportunities in culinary arts and pastry arts through hands-on experience and demonstrations. Laboratory experience included garde manger, sauteing, grilling, rolls, breads, as well as cake decorating and marzipan demonstrations.

The College of Culinary Arts at Johnson & Wales, America's Career University, offers two- and four-year degree programs in culinary arts, baking and pastry arts. Students also may continue their studies toward bachelor of science degrees in culinary nutrition, food-service entrepreneurship, foodservice management, and food marketing.

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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 4th: Labor Day.

Tuesday, September 5th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, honey or dipping sauce, buttered rice, seasoned carrots, bread and butter, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

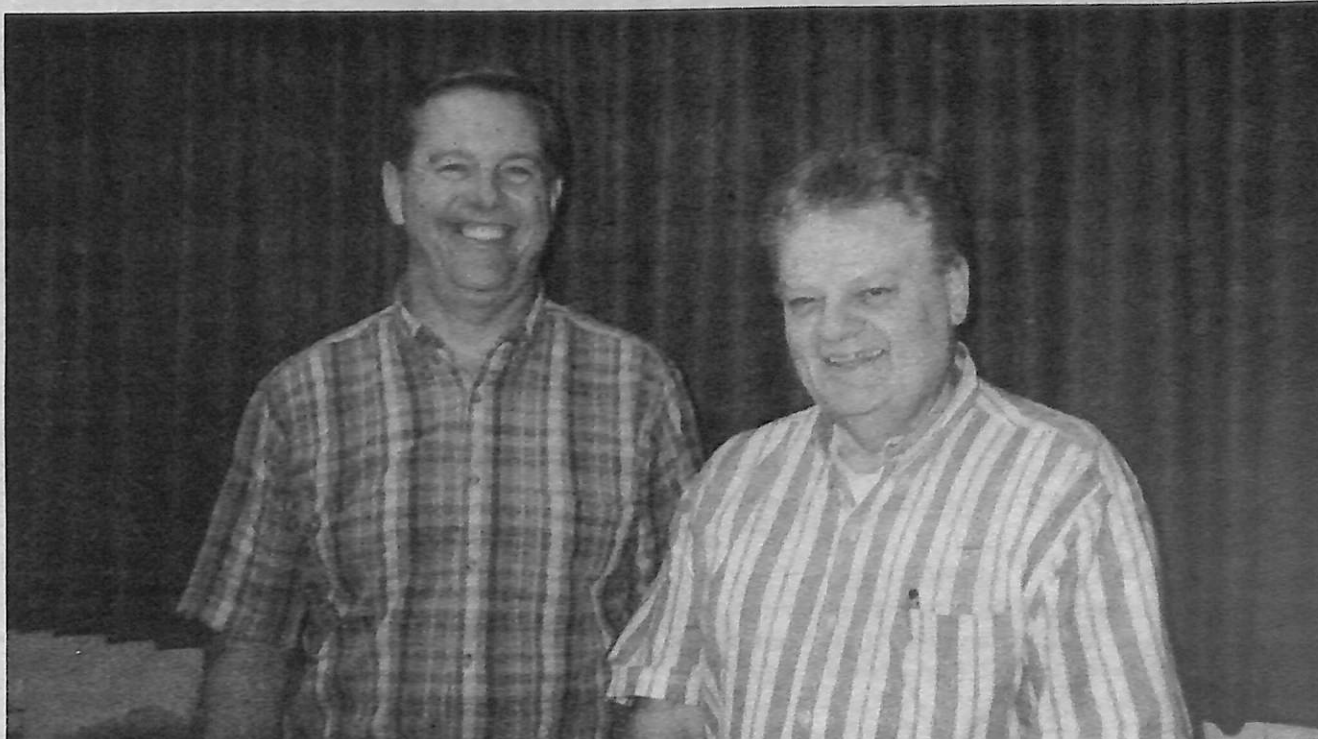
Wednesday, September 6th: Steamed frankfurt in roll, Boston baked beans, seasoned green beans, chilled peaches in syrup, raspberry Jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, September 7th: Diced chicken meat with gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned peas and carrots, bread and butter, fruit mix or ice cream sundae cup, milk.

Friday, September 8th: Meatballs with spaghetti sauce, steamed broccoli and macaroni, bread and butter, diced pears in syrup or chocolate brownie, milk.

Note: Lunch prices will remain the same as last year. Elementary, \$1.20; Middle School, \$1.30; Junior and Senior High, \$1.50. A la carte milk will be 35 cents. Kindergarten milk and snack per week: \$2.00. Tickets will be sold on Mondays in all elementary schools. Checks will be accepted, may payable to the Agawam School Lunch Program.

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AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL Kevin Littlefield (left) talks with student volunteer tutor Richard Treganowan about the upcoming school year. Treganowan was an employee for Mass. Mutual and holds an MBA in accounting and finance. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

More People Needed For The Program...

"Agawam Volunteer Tutors" Are Set To Begin Another Year At Jr. High

The Agawam Volunteer Tutors are ready to begin a new year at the Agawam Junior High School working with the administration, the teachers, and their students in a partnership for academic success.

This organization has been working in the school system since 1996 and now has a list of tutors available for working with students at no cost to improve their skills in math, science, English, history, and language, limited, of course, by tutor availability. The men and women who volunteer one hour per week to give one-on-one special help have increased in number from six to 18 and include Mrs. Bernice Beck, Mrs. Mary Bennett, Mrs. Marion Brindle, Francis Collins, Mrs. Sylvia Deliso, Phillip Drinker, Ms. Deborah Driscoll, Alan Ferrigno, Mrs. Margaret Greenough, Mrs. Marianne Gregor, Ms. Patricia Hebert, Mrs. Debra Pond, Michael Marieb, Fred Roberts, Mrs. Lois Smus, Richard Treganowan, and William Walsh.

Their backgrounds vary, from engineers, accountants, attorneys, and nurses, to elementary, high

school, and college teachers, but all are united in their enthusiasm and dedication and truly enjoy what they do.

Students are referred to the administration for help by their teachers, guidance director, or parents. Agawam Jr. High School Vice Principal Marc Costanzi works with the group's coordinator, Mrs. Patricia Roberts, to work out schedules and allocate assignments for both student and tutor. Most tutoring is done after school from 1:45-2:45 p.m. at the Junior High School, although some school time hours may be available.

The organization's most urgent need continues to be MORE VOLUNTEER TUTORS to meet the increasing demand for services. If you wish to be a part of a dynamic group doing very satisfying work with our wonderful young people in town, please contact Mrs. Patricia Roberts at 786-8580 or Mrs. Mary Bennett at 786-3739.

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Helpful Tips For Kids For The First Day Of School

Young children crying uncontrollably as their parents drop them off at school. This scene is repeated all across the country as kindergartners enter school for the very first time.

According to Dr. Barry Sarvet, Chief of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Baystate Medical Center, the first day of school is a momentous occasion for young children and their parents which can be associated with a great deal of stress.

According to Sarvet, going to school for the first time, especially for children who have not been accustomed to daycare, is a major developmental achievement.

"The child is venturing out beyond the protective cocoon of the immediate family. The parents are relinquishing a great deal of control of the child's environment. Of course, this is all for good reason. However, along with bright hopes and sense of adventure, there are also fears of the unknown and issues of separation distress for both parents and children," Sarvet said.

Sarvet also noted that children vary a great deal in their ability to cope with this experience. He said some children are especially sensitive to separation experiences, while others may be slower to warm up to new experiences and new people. These children often need extra support from teachers and parents.

The following tips for parents can help children cope with their first day of school:

* Be Prepared (for the parents) - If the parent has confidence in the school, then the child will sense this and feel encouraged. Visit the school, meet the teachers, get involved!

* Be Prepared (for the child) - Visit the school with the child before the first big day. If possible, let the child meet the teacher and visit the classroom. Let them know as much as possible what to expect.

* Talk with your child - Find out how he or she feels about starting school. If they have worries, then helping them to talk about it can help all by itself. Offer reassurance while at the same time letting them know that their feelings are valid.

* Emphasize the positive - Make them feel special (shopping for school supplies can help). Let them know in advance how proud you are.

Occasionally, despite parents' best efforts, children still experience a great deal of distress around the beginning of school, Sarvet noted. The teacher and/or the school principal may be excellent resource people for advice.

If the problem persists for more than a few weeks, then it can be helpful to talk with the pediatrician or a children's mental health professional.

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The students will attend 9:00 a.m. Mass in St. Thomas Church to officially commence the new year. All are welcome. Parents should consult *The West Springfield Record* for the appropriate bus stops and times.

The After School/Extended Care Program will begin on the first day of school, September 6th. Lunches will also be served from the first day. Applications for free and reduced lunch will be available at the school.

"Tough Love" Program In Westfield Offered For Parents

You are invited to "Tough Love," a self-help program for parents troubled by their kid's behavior to be presented on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Atonement, 36 Court St., Westfield.

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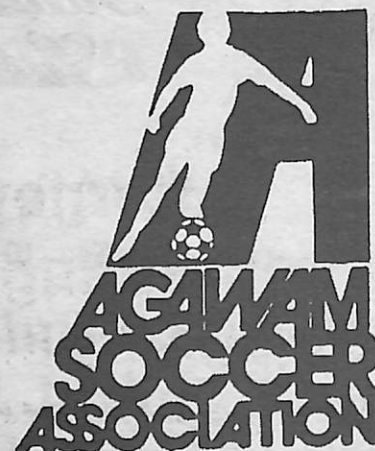
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AHS Teacher Attends BU Alumni Ceremony

"My students often ask me when a vacation rolls around if I am going away. Traveling to a place one has spent five years of their life never seems like leaving town to me, but just going back to another home," said long-time Agawam High School art teacher Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal. "Recently, I traveled to such a place - Boston University. The reason was to attend an alumni award ceremony and luncheon at the School For The Arts."

Recipients included Professor Emeritus Roman Tolenberg, who has taught at the school since 1961. Born in Lodz, Poland in 1911, a child prodigy, he made his debut as a violin soloist with the Warsaw Philharmonic at the age of 11. He has appeared with many of the world's leading orchestras and is associated with playing in all the major concert halls in America and European cities.

"In accepting the Faculty Award for Excellence," said Mrs. Schilling-Nordal, "he said he felt like a 'fiddler without a roof' and that he came to Boston University 40 years ago when his daughter was a freshman and never left."

One of the country's foremost landscape painter, Mary Ellen Dolye, accepted the Visual Arts Award. Her works, which feature scenery around her Long Island home, have been praised by the *Washington Post* as having a "lovely, ephemeral quality as if they just fell together inside a kaleidoscope and are about to dissolve and reform, growing more beautiful with each transformation."

"Her paintings are exhibited all over the United States in venues such as the National Museum of American Art, the Mississippi Museum of Art, and the American Academy of Arts & Letters," explained Mrs. Schilling-Nordal.

Receiving the Music Division Award was Lan Shui. He was born in Hang Zhou, China in 1958 and began



AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY'S ALUMNI AWARD CEREMONY (from left to right): Luoyong Wang; AHS art teacher Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal and her husband, Reidar J. Nordal; Mary Ellen Dolye; and Lan Shui.

playing the violin at the age of five. In 1985, he made his professional conducting debut with the Central Philharmonic Orchestra in Beijing and two months later, became the conductor of the Beijing Symphony Orchestra.

"He has conducted numerous well-known orchestras throughout the world, including the Gothenberg and Houston Symphonies and the Buffalo and Hong Kong Philharmonics," said Mrs. Schilling-Nordal. "In his early years, he said he tried farming and soldiering and when he came to the United States 14 years ago, didn't speak any English. He said everywhere he travels, he finds Boston University graduates. He fondly recalled the excessive heat in the University's practice rooms."

Anne-Marie Soulliere received the Distinguished Service Award. She is Foundation Director and Senior Vice President at Fidelity Investments.

"The most colorful and outgoing member of the group," according to Mrs. Schilling-Nordal, "was Luoyong Wang. He also was raised in the People's Republic of China and began studying acting at the age of 11 at the Hubei Shi Yan Beijing Opera School. Mr. Wang completed his MFA at Boston University in

1989, a feat he credits to the BU faculty family, as he spoke little English," she said.

Mr. Wang is also the choreographer of numerous productions in the U.S. and China, including a national tour of "Madam Butterfly." Since 1995, he has played the engineer, the lead role in "Miss Saigon" on Broadway.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Schilling-Nordal and her husband attended the theater division performances of the graduating class. After the theater offering, they attended the art exhibitions, but missed the talk and slide presentation by Mary Ellen Doyle and music division performances, as all took place in the same time-frame, which will be corrected next year.

"Our day concluded with two receptions and a delicious meal at The Castle, one of the architectural highlights on the BU campus," said Mrs. Schilling-Nordal. The dinner was hosted by School of Arts Dean Bruce MacCombie, who announced there were 17,000 applications processed and that of those, only 900 had been accepted to fill the available slots.

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Sports

In Yarley, Pennsylvania...

Agawam Jr. High Soccer Players Win "3 On 3" Title

It is said practice makes perfect. It is also said that in sports, any sport, games are not won on game-day, but in practice.

A group of Agawam Junior High soccer players practiced and practiced some more throughout the summer months and that hard work and sweat paid huge dividends this past weekend at the Northeast Regional "Three on Three" Soccer Tournament held in Yarley, Pennsylvania.

Under the tutelage of well-known youth soccer coach Eddie Santaniello of Feeding Hills, five Agawam girls - Lauren Peltier, Elise Davilli, Tiffany Manzi, Maria Santaniello (all eighth-graders), and Kara Powell (a seventh-grader), demolished a field of girls' teams in the U13 "Three On Three" division to win the Northeast Regional title on August 26th and 27th.

This accomplishment qualified them for the National "Three On Three" Tournament to be held in Orlando, Florida, in January.

The girls enjoyed six straight victories in Yarley, including a 12-2 victory over a team from Pennsylvania in the championship game on Sunday afternoon.

Calling themselves "The Agawam Avalanche," Santaniello and his charges led only by 4-2 at the conclusion of the first 12-minute half before exploding for eight unanswered second-half goals to easily secure the title.

"I was so happy for these girls," Santaniello told us after arriving home late Sunday evening. "They worked and worked so hard all summer long and they did an outstanding job. I wish to thank them for their dedication and thank their parents for their support."

In three on three competition, there is constant movement on the 30- x 40-yard field between all the players. The goal is only four feet x eight feet.

"There are many strategies involved that the girls had to learn this summer, and I was happy at the way they improved and improved each week," said Santaniello.

Practice began in mid-June each Monday, and a Wednesday afternoon practice was added in mid-July to prepare for the state tournament held at Westfield's Stanley Park on August 12th and 13th. There, Lauren, Elise, Tiffany, Maria, and Kara cruised to six straight victories to win the state championship and qualify for the Northeast Regional two weeks later.

Santaniello said the girls practiced with more inten-

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A FIVE-MEMBER TEAM of Agawam Junior High girls' soccer players, coached by Eddie Santaniello of Feeding Hills, won the Northeast Regional "Three on Three" Tournament last weekend in Yarley, Pennsylvania. Earlier in August, the girls won the state tournament held in Westfield. IN TOP PHOTO (from left) - Team members Tiffany Manzi, Elise Davilli, Kara Powell, Lauren Peltier, and Maria Santaniello. IN PHOTO PHOTO: The girls (calling themselves "The Agawam Avalanche") with Coach Santaniello after winning the regional that qualified them for the nationals in Florida this January.



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sity after winning the state championship, and everyone was "hoping for the best" in Pennsylvania.

"I couldn't believe how well these girls came together and played as a team. They worked together and supported each other from start to finish. The parents showed tremendous support for their kids. It was just a fun weekend of everyone being together to watch young girls perform at such a high level," said Santaniello.

The final statistics tell the tale of the team's success: perfect 12-0 record over the course of the two tournaments; 134 goals for and only 18 against; and the closest any opponent could come was 8-4 in one of the games at the state tournament in Westfield.

Santaniello said plans are now underway for the team to travel to Orlando in January to compete in the nationals at DisneyWorld's massive sports complex. "It's just awesome to be able to go down there as the Northeast champions. It doesn't happen very often, and I am so proud of these girls," Santaniello said.

Spfld. Turners To Hold Sign-Ups For Gymnastics

The Springfield Turners gymnastics program will be holding sign-ups on August 31st, September 5th, and September 6th from 5:30 to 7:00 each night.

We are a small program and offer classes and a girls' and boys' team.

The sign-ups will be held at the Turnverein on 176 Garden Street, Agawam (off of Route 57).

For more information, call the club at 786-0924 or Jessica Hansen at 786-6660.

Boys' Soccer Alumni Wanted

Any former AHS soccer player who would like to work out with the boys' varsity team should contact Walter Willard at 786-7924.

Our new coach, Jonathan Cavallo, has reserved Saturday, September 9th, at 6:00 p.m., but a location has yet to be confirmed.

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Veterans' Golf Tourney At Ag. Municipal



THE ANNUAL VETERANS' GOLF TOURNAMENT was recently held at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course. Pictured above are members of the tournament committee (from left to right): Ruth Bitzas (former Agawam veterans' agent), Chris Sanchez, Priscilla Peterson, George Schlagel, and Diane Moreau. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



GEORGE SCHLAGEL AND CHRIS SANCHEZ are getting ready to "tee off" at the annual Veterans' Golf Tournament at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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A Return To School Signals An Increase In Sports Injuries

Stretching And Other Preventive Measures Are Encouraged

As children prepare to return to the classroom this fall, they will also be returning to the playing field for various sports, such as football, soccer and cross-country, as well as other athletic activities, including cheerleading.

"It is estimated that 40 million kids throughout the country participate in athletic activities both in and out of school each year," said Terry Ditmar, a physical therapist and certified strength and conditioning specialist at Baystate Rehabilitation Care at 3300 Main Street, a service of Baystate Health System.

According to Ditmar, many of these injuries are due to fatigue and poor conditioning. Ditmar explained that when an overuse injury occurs, young athletes should modify the intensity, duration, and/or frequency of the activity to allow the body to recover and heal itself. "Some discomfort is normal with the onset of a new or renewed sports activity," Ditmar said, "such as muscle

aches or stiffness after hard practice. But any pain lasting more than five days may indicate a more serious injury which will need the attention of a doctor of physical therapist," he said.

He also cautioned that when injury does occur, full recovery is "never guaranteed" and that prevention is the key. According to the Baystate physical therapist, stretching exercises are one of the most effective ways of preventing injury. "You should warm up and stretch lightly prior to athletic activity and then stretch more aggressively afterward," said Ditmar. "Think of it as preparing your body for the next bout of exercise."

For more information about rehabilitation services throughout Baystate Health System, and for more information about the Sportsmetric program, call 413-794-8922.

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Due to the Labor Day holiday, our next edition will be published on Friday, September 8th; the deadline for that edition will be Wednesday, September 6th, at 12:00 noon ...
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Golf Tip Of The Week...

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 Head Golf Professional
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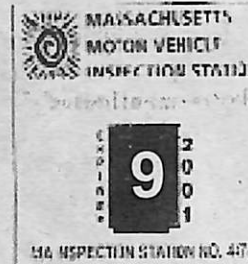
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At Assumption College...

Stephanie Fleming Again A Member Of Field Hockey Team

Stephanie Fleming, a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School and a former All-Western Mass. girls' field hockey performer for the Brownies, will again be a key member of the Assumption College Lady Greyhounds field hockey team when the 2000 season gets underway on September 10th.

The Lady Greyhounds finished with a sparkling 17-4 overall record in 1999, including a 5-1 league record in the Northeast-10, good for second place.

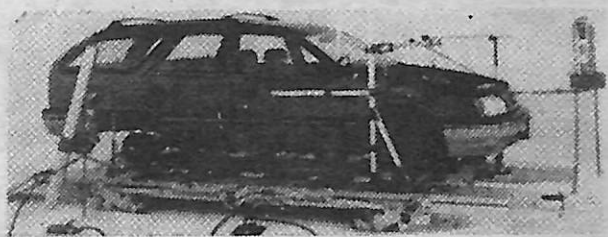
While Coach Deb Draper lost five major contributors to graduation, this year's Lady Greyhounds again figure to be in the Northeast-10 mix. The 1999 Lady Greyhounds reached their second straight conference championship and claimed their first-ever Division II ECAC tournament championship.

Fleming returns as a talented junior forward. She had eight goals and seven assists in 1999 and played in all 21 games for the Lady Greyhounds. Fleming registered a goal and two assists in Assumption's 3-1 victory in the ECAC championship game in Longwood, Virginia.

The Lady Greyhounds finished the season ranked fourth nationally in the NCAA (northern).

Fleming is the daughter of John & Sheryl Fleming of Feeding Hills.

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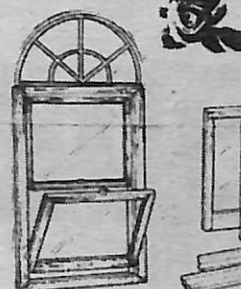
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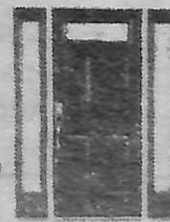
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Amaral Jr. Open Enjoys Success At Oak Ridge

In its second year of sponsorship as an official stop on the Mountain Dew Connecticut Section PGA Junior Golf Tour circuit, the 10th annual Joseph F. Amaral Junior Golf Open was held at Oak Ridge Golf Club on Wednesday, July 19th. Nearly 200 golfers from throughout New England gathered to compete for the Amaral cup as well as a host of prizes.

In the boys' age 16-18 division, David Croteau of Plymouth, Connecticut scored a two-under par 68 to win this year's \$250 scholarship. The girls' 13-18 division title went to J. Hildebrand, who scored an 80, while Kate Polchlopek prevailed with a score of 87 to win in the girls' 10-12 division. Derek Hurwitch bested the boys' 13-15 division with a score of 71, and the boys' 10-12 division title was earned by Cody Paladino with a nine-hole tally of 35.

In addition to trophies for the top three players in each division, golf shop credit went to those scoring in the top 10 of each division. Special events included closest to the pin contests, with Brad Thomka of Springfield winning the event for the 10-12 division. Each player also received lunch and a sleeve of balls for participating in the event - all for the bargain entry fee of just \$20.

The Amaral family would like to thank the Connecticut Section PGA, Mountain Dew, the management and membership of Oak Ridge, Oak Ridge head pro Jim Modzelesky and his dedicated golf staff for their continued support of this year's event.

AHS Track Open For Fall Walking

Effective August 28th, the Agawam High School track will be open (weather permitting) for walking and jogging on the following days:

Monday through Thursday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.;
Saturday, 7:30-9:30 a.m.

The track will be open for walkers and joggers during the above hours throughout the early fall. Strollers are permitted on the track. No one will be allowed on the infield or in the bleachers during these times.

For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 821-0514.

IAABO Has 5-Week Training Course

IAABO Board #31, Western Mass. District Board Approved Basketball Officials will be holding training classes for persons interested in officiating basketball:

The classes will begin on Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Longmeadow High School. The class is a five-week course held every Wednesday in October and is designed to prepare persons for the IAABO test in November.

For more information regarding the classes, contact Walter Hickson at 533-9177.



THE 10TH ANNUAL JOSEPH F. AMARAL JUNIOR GOLF OPEN was recently held at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills. In the photo above, Jay Amaral (left) and Christian Amaral (right) present a trophy to David Croteau of Plymouth, Connecticut, who won the boys' 16-18 division.



FRAN AMARAL (left) and DANIELLE BORSARI kept the grill hot and the food coming at the 10th Annual Joseph F. Amaral Junior Golf Open at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills.

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Liz Stieg Invited To Play In Basketball Clinic

Liz Stieg, a senior at Agawam High School, was invited to play in the Connecticut Starters (AAU Basketball) Top 100 clinic. Liz played AAU basketball for six years, playing the last four with the Connecticut Starters organization. This year was particularly bitter-sweet, while reaching the height of her AAU playing days. Her last AAU experience will be attending the Top 100 Clinic.

The Connecticut Starters Top 100 Clinic is by invitation only and is extended to the best high school upperclassmen in the Northeast held at Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT in September. The clinic gives high school players exposure and an opportunity to play and highlight their skills in front of Division I, II, and III women's college coaches.

Liz's team was coached by Karl Herbert, boys' junior varsity and assistant varsity boys' basketball coach at Northwest Catholic High School, West Hartford, CT and Mike Thomas, boys' varsity basketball coach at Enfield High School.

The team played 55 games in an 11-tournament schedule in six states over a four-month period ending with the Blue Chip tournaments in Philadelphia and Richmond, Virginia.

Youth Football To Field Two Teams For The Fall 2000 Season

With enrollment at 160 boys and girls, the Agawam Youth Football Association (AYFA) is preparing to enter two teams in the Suburban Amateur Football League (SAFL).

The season opens on Sunday, September 10th, with Agawam Blue playing Northampton at home

(Phelps), and Agawam Green visiting Westfield II (Bullens Field - Westfield Voke). Pee Wees will kick things off at 12:15 p.m.

The schedule normally lasts eight weeks and ends the last week in October (October 29th).

Practice is held at Phelps Memorial field (behind

college player," he observed.

According to Coach Thomas, "Liz was one of the hardest working young ladies in the program. She did everything asked of her. She played out of position from shooting guard to point guard and made the adjustment with stride. Lessons learned, hopefully, will be carried through her senior year and beyond."

In her last game played as an AAU player for Connecticut Starters at the Blue Chip (Richmond, Virginia) tournament, Liz hit the last six points to end her and the team's season. Both shots were three-pointers, the last one at the game-ending buzzer.

the school), located at the corner of Main Street and School Street.

Anyone wishing to learn more about Agawam Youth Football is welcome to come to practice (week-days 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.) or call Coach Kirk Parker at 786-6604.



LIZ STIEG (center), a senior at Agawam High School, attended the Blue Chip Tournament in Richmond, Virginia, this summer. Pictured with her at the end-of-season dinner are Coach Karl Herbert (left) and Assistant Coach Mike Thomas.



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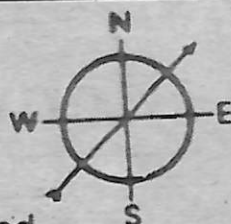
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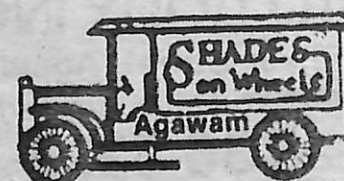
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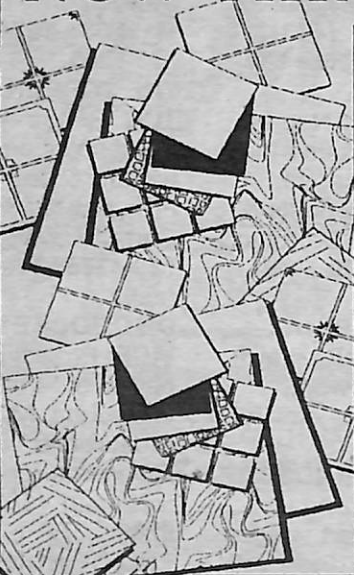
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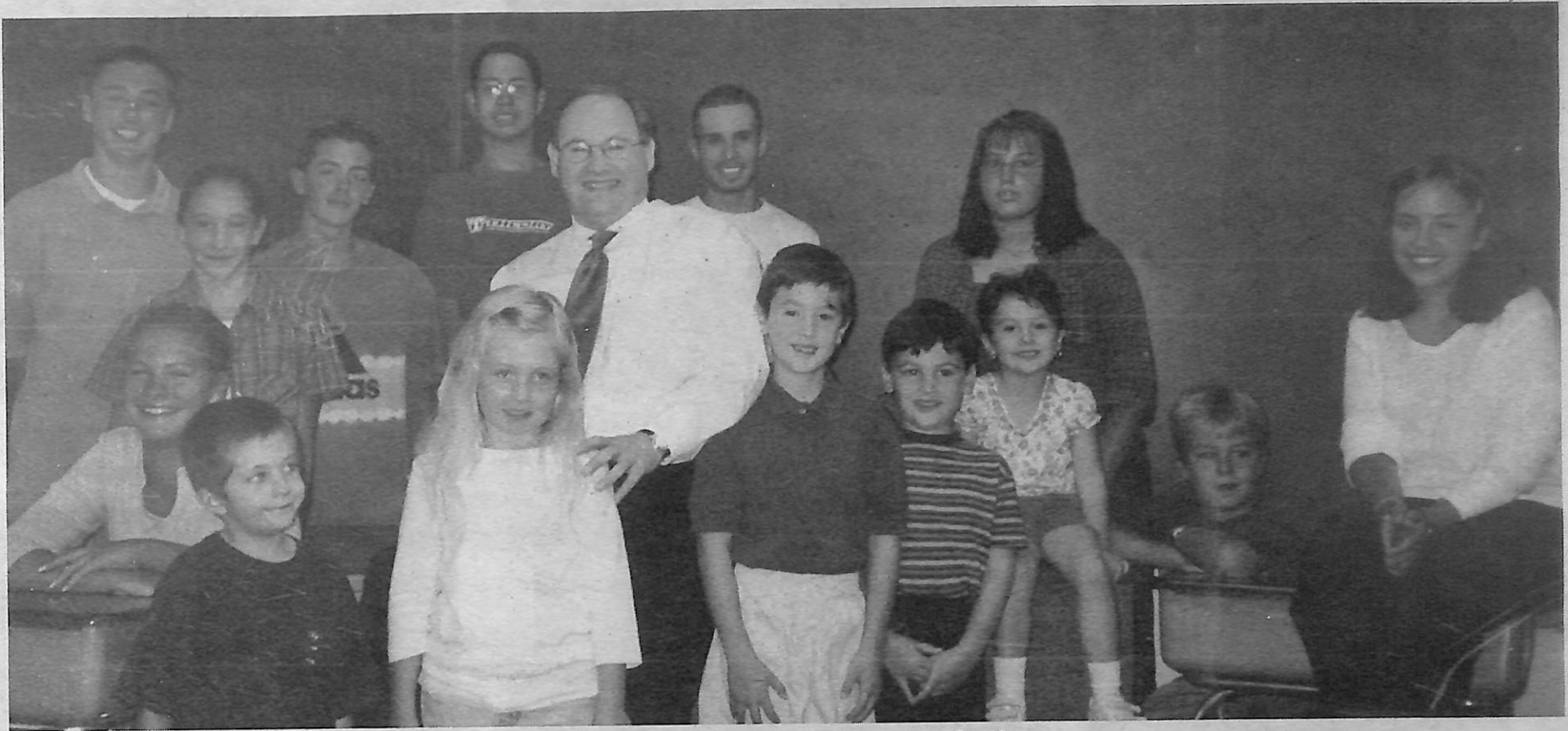
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As a former teacher and administrator at STCC, I know how vital education is for your future and as your Mayor, I am deeply committed to providing you with that quality education.

Good luck and best wishes for a very productive and exciting school year.

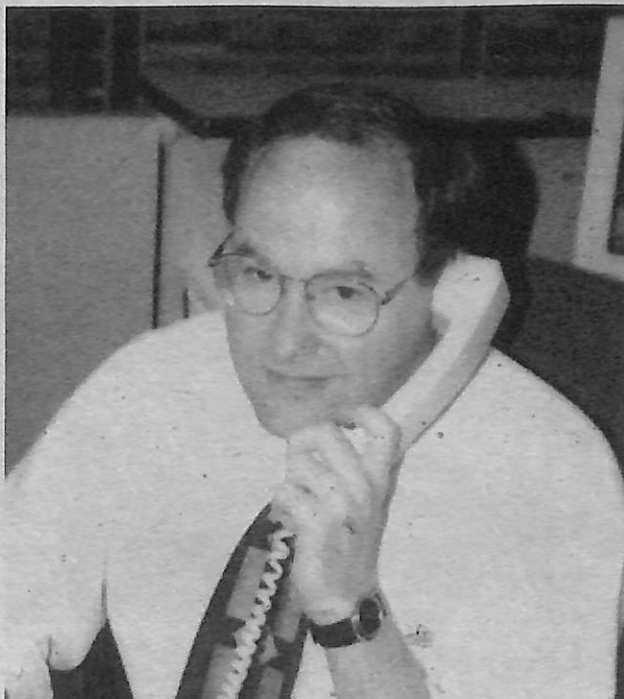
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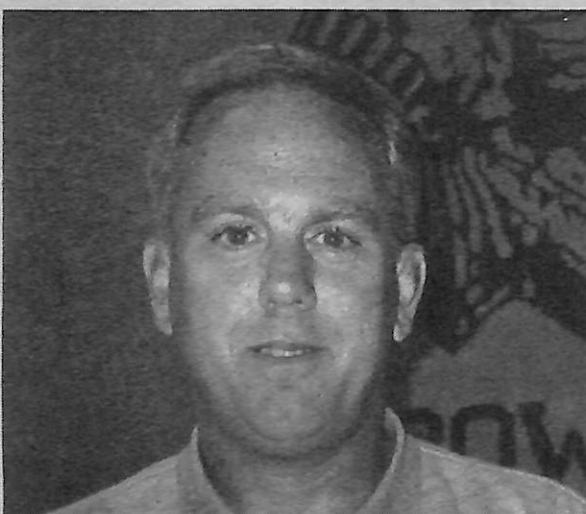
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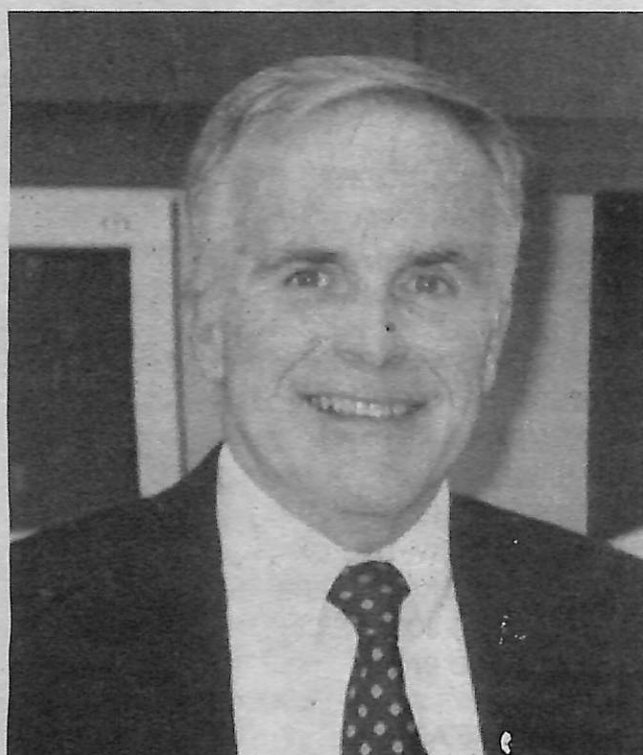
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Bus Schedules For The 2000-2001 School Year

Agawam Senior High Bus Stops

* BUS #1 (6:50 A.M.):

595 NORTH ST.
NORTH AND WILBERT
N. WESTFIELD AND THALIA
520 N. WESTFIELD
ORIOLE AND ROBIN RIDGE
N. WESTFIELD AND FOX FARMS
N. WESTFIELD AND CLOVER HILL
N. WESTFIELD AND LISWELL

* BUS #2 (6:50 A.M.):

NORTHWOOD AND SPFLD ST
NORTHWOOD AND GRANGER
NORTHWOOD AND FORDHAM
FORDHAM AND CAMBRIDGE
N. WESTFIELD AND ANVIL

* BUS #3 (6:45 A.M.):

71 N. WEST ST.
N. WEST AND KAREN LYNN
363 N. WEST
N. WEST AND N. STREET EXT
N. WEST AND CYNTHIA
735 N. WEST
805 N. WEST
N. WEST AND N. WESTFIELD
N. WESTFIELD AND MARLENE
1015 N. WESTFIELD
N. WESTFIELD AND PARKEDGE
791 N. WESTFIELD
N. WESTFIELD AND PROVIN MT. DR.
N. WESTFIELD AND NORTH ST

* BUS #4 (6:50 A.M.):

590 SUFFIELD
SUFFIELD AND EDGEWATER
DOLORIS AND SUFFIELD
SUFFIELD AND CENTERWOOD
SUFFIELD AND POINSETTA
SUFFIELD AND VALENTINE
SUFFIELD AND CENTER

* BUS #5 (6:50 A.M.):

SILVER AND DOANE
SILVER AND FRANKLIN ST EXT
SILVER AND VADNAIS
SILVER AND MOUNTAINVIEW
SILVER AND PORTER
SILVER AND BELDEN
SILVER AND CASTLE HILL
SILVER AND PEMBROKE
ELM AND BIRCH HILL
ADAMS AND PINEVIEW
ADAMS AND ROSIE
ADAMS AND ZACHARY
MILL AND SILVER LAKE
MILL AND FAMILY LN.

* BUS #6 (6:45 A.M.):

358 SOUTHWICK
468 SOUTHWICK
411 SOUTHWICK
SOUTHWICK AND CARMEL LN
CARMEL AND S. WEST
SOUTHWICK AND TINA
SOUTHWICK AND SUNSET

* BUS #7 (6:50 A.M.):

MAIN AND REED
MAIN AND COOPER
MAIN AND PARKER
SCHOOL AND MAIN
SCHOOL AND MONROE
SCHOOL AND HEARTHSTONE
SCHOOL AND BEVERLY
353 SCHOOL
490 SCHOOL

SCHOOL AND RIVER RD

921 RIVER

RIVER AND MEADOWBROOK

RIVER AND CLIFTON

RIVER AND GLENDALE

* BUS #8 (7:00 A.M.):

NORTH AND HARDING (A.M. ONLY)
NORTH AND MAYNARD (P.M. ONLY)
NORTH AND OAK
NORTH AND JAMES
NORTH AND CHERRY
COLEMORE AND JESSICA

* BUS #9 (6:40 A.M.):

204 GARDEN ST
GARDEN AND MEMORIAL
GARDEN AND ORLANDO
347 POPLAR
POPLAR AND RISING
POPLAR AND SHOEMAKER
SHOEMAKER AND CESAN
563 SHOEMAKER
SHOEMAKER AND LOSITO
267 SHOEMAKER
221 SHOEMAKER
93 SHOEMAKER
SOUTH AND DEER RUN
SOUTH AND QUAIL HOLLOW
SOUTH AND COSGROVE
SOUTH AND S. BROOK
197 SOUTH
72 SOUTH
MAIN AND WOODCLIFF
MAIN AND KANAWHA
1629 SUFFIELD
1485 SUFFIELD (CONDOS)
1341 SUFFIELD

* BUS #10 (6:45 A.M.):

S. WEST AND SHELLY
S. WEST AND WILD BILL
250 S. WEST
S. WEST AND RED FOX
S. WEST AND WHITE FOX
S. WEST AND KATHY TERR
S. WEST AND JOANNE CIR
S. WEST AND BARRY
587 BARRY

* BUS #12 (6:40 A.M.):

SPRINGFIELD AND KRISTEN (A.M. ONLY)
S. WESTFIELD AND HAMAR
S. WESTFIELD AND HENDOM
S. WESTFIELD AND SHOEMAKER
S. WESTFIELD AND BRADFORD
943 S. WESTFIELD
BARRY AND OAKMONT
BARRY AND CHRISTOPHER
BARRY AND MURIEL
SPEAR FARM AND BARRY
PINE AND SPRUCE

* BUS #13 (6:50 A.M.):

MAIN AND FEDERAL (AM ONLY)
FEDERAL AND COOPER (PM ONLY)
420 MAIN ST
28 MEADOW
324 MEADOW
418 MEADOW
MEADOW AND EDITHA
RIVER AND BARNEY
ALHAMBRA AND RIVER
COREY AND ALHAMBRA
COREY AND JANELLE
202 COREY
79 COREY
EDWARD AND MAIN

* BUS #14 (7:00 A.M.):

WALNUT (SKI HOUSE)

WALNUT AND DWIGHT

MAPLE AND WALNUT

MAPLE AND BRIDGE

MAPLE AND MULBERRY

MAPLE AND SPENCER/OAK

ROWLEY AND ROYAL

* BUS #15 (6:45 A.M.):

LEONARD AND MAIN
LEONARD AND KATHERINE
LEONARD AND DEBRA
LEONARD AND DANNY
RIVER AND CHANNELL
RIVER AND FLORIDA
RIVER AND CHESTNUT
RIVER AND LAWNWOOD
RIVER AND SHADY LANE
RIVER AND DEERING
RIVER AND RIVIERA
1369 MAIN
1278 MAIN
1242 MAIN
MAIN AND CHARLES
MAIN AND MELROSE
MAIN AND ELM

Agawam Junior High Bus Stops

* BUS #1 (7:25 A.M.):

NORTH ST EXT AND BELMONT
NORTH ST EXT AND JUNIPER RIDGE
NORTH ST EXT AND KOSCIUSCKO
NORTH ST EXT AND STONEY HILL
358 N. WEST
210 N. WEST
170 N. WEST
N. WEST AND KAREN LYNN
76 N. WEST

* BUS #2 (7:20 A.M.):

682 N. WEST
735 N. WEST
788 N. WEST
926 N. WEST
1125 N. WESTFIELD
1101 N. WESTFIELD
N. WESTFIELD AND MARLENE
N. WESTFIELD AND PARKEDGE
837 N. WESTFIELD
765 N. WESTFIELD
N. WESTFIELD AND PROVIN MTN DR
604 N. WESTFIELD
N. WESTFIELD AND ALLISON
ROBIN RIDGE AND PARKVIEW
PARKVIEW AND N. WESTFIELD
536 N. WESTFIELD
VALLEYBROOK AND FOREST HILL
CLOVER HILL AND VALLEYBROOK

* BUS #3 (7:30 A.M.):

SUFFIELD AND EDGEWATER
ADAMS AND ROSIE
ADAMS AND PINEVIEW
ADAMS AND MAIN
MAIN AND WALTERS WAY
MAIN AND CHARLES
MAIN AND MELROSE (P.M. ONLY)
1278 MAIN
24 SOUTH
SOUTH AND SOUTHBROOK
SOUTH AND COSGROVE
SOUTH AND QUAIL HOLLOW
39 SHOEMAKER
SHOEMAKER AND LOSITO
619 SHOEMAKER
SHOEMAKER AND CESAN

BUS SCHEDULES - from Page 6*** BUS #4 (7:30 A.M.):**

SPRINGFIELD AND MOORELAND
 SPRINGFIELD AND SHERI LN/WILSON
 HARDING AND NORTH
 NORTH AND OAK
 NORTH AND JAMES
 NORTH AND LETENDRE
 NORTH AND HOMER
 NORTH AND CHERRY
 NORTH AND COLEMORE
 NORTH AND RIDGEWAY
 NORTH AND PLEASANT

*** BUS #5 (7:25 A.M.):**

SUFFIELD AND WASHINGTON
 REED AND VIRGINIA
 420 MAIN
 105 MEADOW
 324 MEADOW
 350 MEADOW
 MEADOW AND JAMES
 RIVER AND BARNEY
 25 S. ALHAMBRA
 COREY AND N. ALHAMBRA
 COREY AND JANELLE
 COREY AND ALEXANDER
 COREY AND COREY COLONIAL
 EDWARD AND MAIN

*** BUS #6 (7:20 A.M.):**

ADAMS AND ZACHARY
 ADAMS AND RICHARDSON
 FERNWOOD AND ARBOR
 FERNWOOD AND HUNTING
 FERNWOOD AND CENTERWOOD
 318 SILVER
 SILVER AND PORTER
 SILVER AND VADNAIS
 SILVER AND FRANKLIN ST. EXT.
 SILVER AND DOANE
 GARDEN AND MEMORIAL
 GARDEN AND ORLANDO
 POPLAR AND RISING

*** BUS #8 (7:25 A.M.):**

S. WEST AND SHELLY
 S. WEST AND KOSAK
 319 S.WEST
 S. WEST AND RED FOX
 S. WEST AND WHITE FOX
 422 PINE
 360 PINE
 PINE AND SPRUCE
 1 PINE

*** BUS #10 (7:25 A.M.):**

SPRINGFIELD AND KRISTEN
 SPRINGFIELD AND ROWLEY
 WALNUT AND SPRINGFIELD
 WALNUT AND MAPLE
 MAPLE AND BRIDGE
 MAPLE AND MOORE
 MAPLE AND SPENCER
 SPRINGFIELD AND SHIBLEY CT.

*** BUS #12 (7:20 A.M.):**

SCHOOL AND MAIN
 SCHOOL AND MONROE
 SCHOOL AND HEARTHSTONE
 385 SCHOOL
 401 SCHOOL
 SCHOOL AND RIVER
 875 RIVER
 RIVER AND MEADOWBROOK
 RIVER AND CLIFTON
 RIVER AND GLENDALE
 LEONARD AND DANNY
 LEONARD AND ROBERTA
 LEONARD AND KATHERINE
 LEONARD AND MAIN
 SILVER AND PEMBROKE

SILVER AND CASTLE HILL CONDOS*** BUS #14 (7:25 A.M.):**

COOPER AND KAREN
 COOPER AND TRACY
 COOPER AND BRIEN
 COOPER AND SENATOR 1ST
 COOPER AND SENATOR 2ND
 COOPER AND FEDERAL
 COOPER AND FEDERAL AVE
 MAIN AND PARKER
 MILL AND CLEMATIS
 SUFFIELD AND VALENTINE
 352 SUFFIELD
 COOPER AND GREENACRE
 LINE AND MILL
 LINE AND JAMIE

*** BUS #15 (7:15 A.M.):**

MILL AND FAMILY LANE
 MILL AND SILVER LAKE
 ELM AND SILVER
 130 ELM
 RIVER AND CHANNELL
 RIVER AND FLORIDA
 RIVER AND CHESTNUT
 RIVER AND SHADY LN
 RIVER AND DEERING
 RIVER AND RIVIERA
 MAIN AND WOODCLIFF
 MAIN AND KANAWHA
 SUFFIELD AND LONGBROOK EST.
 1311 SUFFIELD
 SUFFIELD AND DOLORES

*** BUS #16 (7:20 A.M.):**

S. WEST AND JOANNE
 BARRY AND SHARON
 S. WEST AND DENISE
 587 BARRY
 373 BARRY
 BARRY AND CHRISTOPHER LN
 166 BARRY
 873 S. WESTFIELD
 943 S. WESTFIELD
 S. WESTFIELD AND BRADFORD

Agawam Middle School Bus Stops

*** BUS #3 (8:00 A.M.):**

1009 NORTH ST EXT
 NORTH ST EXT AND JUNIPER RIDGE
 NORTH ST EXT AND KOSCUISKO
 NORTH ST EXT AND STONY HILL
 342 NORTH WEST
 327 NORTH WEST
 220 NORTH WEST
 NORTH WEST AND KAREN LYNN
 173 NORTH WEST
 71 NORTH WEST
 17 NORTH WEST
 323 SOUTHWICK
 SOUTHWICK AND TINA LN
 260 SOUTHWICK
 174 SOUTHWICK
 SOUTHWICK & HOPE FARMS/SUNSET
 1279 SPRINGFIELD
 SPRINGFIELD AND BELVIDERE
 MILL AND NORRIS
 758 MILL
 739 MILL
 MILL AND GIFFIN PLACE
 MILL AND FRANKLIN
 695 MILL
 603 MILL

*** BUS #5 (8:00 A.M.):**

SPRINGFIELD AND RHODES
 SPRINGFIELD AND KENSINGTON
 SPRINGFIELD AND FRANKLIN
 SPRINGFIELD AND MOORELAND
 SPRINGFIELD AND LETENDRE

SPRINGFIELD AND SHIBLEY CRT**LINE AND SEQUOIA****LINE AND JAMIE***** BUS #6 (7:55 A.M.):**

S. WESTFIELD AND HAMAR
 HENDOM AND HICKORY
 ELMAR AND BEECH
 1 PINE
 PINE AND SPRUCE
 162 PINE
 230 PINE
 414 PINE
 422 PINE
 467 PINE

BARRY AND CRICKET/OAK RIDGE**BARRY AND CHRISTOPHER****BARRY AND SPEAR FARM RD****BARRY AND DUTCHMASTER****1036 SHOEMAKER****995 SHOEMAKER****SHOEMAKER AND CESAN****955 SHOEMAKER****915 SHOEMAKER****525 SHOEMAKER****267 SHOEMAKER***** BUS #7 (7:55 A.M.):**

57 POPLAR
 374 POPLAR
 POPLAR AND RISING
 236 N. WESTFIELD
 315 N. WESTFIELD
 N. WESTFIELD AND LISWELL
 NORTH AND ELIZABETH (A.M. ONLY)
 791 NORTH
 NORTH AND PLEASANT (P.M. ONLY)
 NORTH AND WILBERT
 NORTH AND NOLAN
 NORTH AND SYLVAN
 612 NORTH
 COLEMORE AND CHERRY
 CHERRY AND NORTH
 NORTH AND HOMER
 NORTH AND JAMES
 NORTH AND OAK
 NORTH AND HARDING
 NORTH AND MAYNARD

*** BUS #9 (7:45 A.M.):**

MAIN AND LEALAND
 SCHOOL AND MAIN
 SCHOOL AND MONROE
 100 SCHOOL
 SCHOOL AND HEARTHSTONE
 149 AND 184 SCHOOL (2 STOPS)
 343 AND 480 SCHOOL (2 STOPS)
 875 AND 921 RIVER (2 STOPS)
 RIVER AND MEADOWBROOK
 RIVER AND CLIFTON
 RIVER AND GLENDALE
 MAIN AND CENTRAL
 SUFFIELD AND POINSETTA
 SUFFIELD AND VALENTINE
 SUFFIELD AND ANTHONY
 SUFFIELD AND CENTER
 352 SUFFIELD

*** BUS #10 (8:00 A.M.):**

N. WESTFIELD AND BLACKSMITH
 N. WESTFIELD AND KELLOGG
 N. WESTFIELD AND ANVIL
 YALE AND CAMBRIDGE
 FORDHAM AND NORTHWOOD
 NORTHWOOD AND GRANGER
 NORTHWOOD AND SPRINGFIELD
 GARDEN AND ORLANDO
 GARDEN AND GARY
 449 GARDEN
 SILVER AND DOANE
 777 SILVER

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357 SILVER
 SILVER AND FRANKLIN ST EXT
 SILVER AND MOUNTAINVIEW
 SILVER AND PORTER
 SILVER AND BELDON
 SILVER AND CASTLE HILL CONDOS
 SILVER AND PEMBROKE
 SILVER AND ELM
 ELM AND BIRCH HILL
 181/159 ELM
 * **BUS #11 (8:00 A.M.):**
 315 SOUTH
 SOUTH AND QUAIL HOLLOW
 SOUTH AND COSGROVE
 SOUTH AND SOUTHBROOK
 24 SOUTH
 1307 MAIN
 MAIN AND WALTERS WAY
 MAIN AND CHARLES
 MAIN AND FOREST RIDGE
 MAIN AND MELROSE
 ADAMS AND MAIN
 ADAMS AND PINEVIEW
 ADAMS AND BUTTERNUT
 ADAMS AND RICHARDSON
 ADAMS AND ZACHERY
 SUFFIELD AND DOLORIS
 743 SUFFIELD
 SUFFIELD AND EDGEWATER
 733 SUFFIELD
 709 SUFFIELD
 1026 SUFFIELD (P.M. ONLY)
 MILL AND SILVER LAKE
 MILL AND FAMILY LANE
 COOPER AND LANCASTER
 COOPER AND TRACY
 * **BUS #12 (7:55 A.M.):**
 N. WEST AND CYNTHIA PLACE
 926 N. WEST
 1010 N. WEST
 N. WEST AND PETERSON
 1101 N. WESTFIELD
 1089 N. WESTFIELD
 N. WESTFIELD AND MARLENE
 1023 N. WESTFIELD
 N. WESTFIELD AND PARKEDGE
 765 N. WESTFIELD
 N. WESTFIELD AND PROVIN MT.
 726 N. WESTFIELD
 694 N. WESTFIELD
 N. WESTFIELD AND ALLISON
 604 N. WESTFIELD
 ROBIN RIDGE AND PARKVIEW
 536 N. WESTFIELD
 VALLEY BROOK AND FOREST HILL
 FOREST HILL AND STRAWBERRY
 FOREST HILL AND CLOVER HILL
 CLOVER HILL AND VALLEY BROOK
 374 N. WESTFIELD
 N. WESTFIELD AND NEW YORK AVE.
 * **BUS #13 (7:50 A.M.):**
 558 SOUTHWICK
 662 SOUTHWICK
 387 SOUTHWICK
 SOUTH WEST AND SHELLEY
 SOUTH WEST AND PHEASANT HILL
 SOUTH WEST AND KOSAK CIR.
 170 SOUTH WEST
 202 SOUTH WEST
 291 SOUTH WEST
 630 SOUTH WEST
 648 SOUTH WEST
 SOUTH WEST AND RED FOX
 SOUTH WEST AND WHITE FOX
 SOUTH WEST AND KATHY
 106 BARBARA LANE

BARBARA AND BARRY
 BARRY AND SHARON
 SOUTH WEST AND DENISE
 BARRY AND OAKMONT
 186 BARRY
 940 S. WESTFIELD
 S. WESTFIELD AND BRADFORD
 * **BUS #14 (8:00 A.M.):**
 COOPER AND MAIN ST
 420 MAIN ST
 MEADOW AND MAIN
 73 MEADOW
 105 MEADOW
 MEADOW AND MEADOW AVE (A.M.)
 359 MEADOW
 MEADOW AND HERITAGE APTS
 MEADOW AND FRANK
 RIVER AND STERLING/BARNEY
 25 S. ALHAMBRA
 S. ALHAMBRA AND COREY
 COREY AND JANELLE
 202 COREY
 COREY AND ALEXANDER
 79 COREY
 EDWARD AND MAIN
 * **BUS #15 (8:00 A.M.):**
 MAIN AND WRIGHT
 MAIN AND LEONARD
 LEONARD AND KATHERINE
 LEONARD AND PEROS
 LEONARD AND DANNY
 RIVER AND CHANNELL
 RIVER AND FLORIDA
 RIVER AND CHESTNUT
 RIVER AND LAWNWOOD
 RIVER AND DARTMOUTH
 RIVER AND DEERING
 RIVER AND RIVIERA
 1777 MAIN
 MAIN AND WOODCLIFF
 1629 SUFFIELD ST
 SUFFIELD AND LONGBROOK EST.
 FERNWOOD AND HUNTING
 FERNWOOD AND CENTERWOOD

Clark School Kindergarten Drop-Off

9:10 - 11:45

(Drop-off to begin at approx. 11:50)

DEER RUN AND SOUTH
 CHAREST LN AND QUAIL HOLLOW
 JADE LANE
 175 SOUTH
 24 SOUTH
 MAIN AND WOODCLIFF
 MAIN AND RIVERVIEW
 RIVER AND RIVIERA
 134 RIVER
 164 RIVER
 199 RIVER
 RIVER AND SOUTH FLORIDA
 RIVER AND FLORIDA
 RIVER AND REDWOOD
 RIVER AND CHESTNUT
 RIVER AND LAWNWOOD
 MAIN AND TRINITY
 ADAMS AND PINEVIEW
 MALLARD AND ROSIE
 114 MALLARD
 BUTTERNUT AND ARBOR
 7 CONIFER
 ADAMS AND ZACHARY

Clark School Kindergarten Pick-Up

12:45 - 3:20

(Pick-up to begin at approx. 12:15)

733 SUFFIELD
 SUFFIELD AND CENTERWOOD
 SUFFIELD AND EDGEWATER
 MILL AND SILVER LAKE
 MILL AND FAMILY LANE
 37 HOLLAND
 MILL AND LINCOLN
 MILL AND HIGHLAND
 705 MILL
 16 HENRY
 901 SPFLD ST (KID'S PLACE)
 SPFLD AND LINE (SANDCASTLES)
 218 POPLAR
 44 DEPALMA
 GARDEN AND ORLANDO
 104 GARDEN
 SILVER AND FRANKLIN ST EXT
 SILVER AND MOUNTAINVIEW
 1036 SUFFIELD

Clark School Bus Stops

* **BUS #2 (8:45 A.M.):**
 49 MEMORIAL
 449 GARDEN
 GARDEN AND ORLANDO
 104 GARDEN (P.M. ONLY)
 374 POPLAR
 POPLAR AND RISING
 SHOEMAKER AND CESAN
 915 SHOEMAKER
 619 SHOEMAKER
 SHOEMAKER AND LOSITO
 39 SHOEMAKER
 * **BUS #5 (8:35 A.M.):**
 MILL AND LINCOLN
 MILL AND FRANKLIN
 MILL AND GIFFIN
 MILL AND KENSINGTON
 MILL AND NORRIS
 MILL AND WILLIAM
 739 MILL
 705 MILL
 695 MILL
 529 MILL
 37 HOLLAND DR. (P.M. ONLY)
 SUFFIELD AND EDGEWATER
 CENTERWOOD AND SUFFIELD
 FERNWOOD AND CONIFER
 CONIFER AND BUTTERNUT
 BUTTERNUT AND HUNTING
 BUTTERNUT AND ARBOR
 ADAMS AND FAYMORE
 1329 SUFFIELD
 * **BUS #6 (8:30 A.M.):**
 1068 MAIN
 1158 MAIN
 1336 MAIN
 1327 MAIN
 MAIN & BARDEN
 MAIN & TRINITY
 MAIN & ALFRED
 MAIN AND FOREST RIDGE
 MAIN AND BAILEY
 1039 MAIN
 ADAMS AND RIDGE
 ADAMS AND PINEVIEW
 ADAMS AND ROSIE
 ADAMS AND MALLARD
 ADAMS AND RICHARDSON
 ADAMS AND ZACHARY
 * **BUS #8 (8:40 A.M.):**
 MAIN AND WOODCLIFF
 24 SOUTH (A.M. ONLY)
 175 SOUTH (A.M. ONLY)
 SOUTH AND SOUTHBROOK

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SOUTH AND MARK (P.M. ONLY)
 1036 SUFFIELD (P.M. ONLY)
 1291 SUFFIELD
 SUFFIELD AND DOLORIS
 SILVER AND BELDON
 SILVER AND PORTER
 393/394 SILVER
 SILVER AND MOUNTAINVIEW
 SILVER AND FRANKLIN ST EXT
 SILVER AND DOANE
 SILVER AND LUCIA LUMBER
 811 SILVER
 845 SILVER

*** BUS #11 (8:35 A.M.):**

RIVER AND RIVIERA
 RIVER AND DARTMOUTH
 134 RIVER (A.M. ONLY)
 164 RIVER
 199 RIVER (A.M. ONLY)
 220 RIVER
 36 DANNY
 507 RIVER
 491 RIVER
 RIVER AND CHANNELL
 RIVER AND CAMPBELL
 RIVER AND FLORIDA
 RIVER AND CHESTNUT
 RIVER AND LAWNWOOD
 RIVER AND SHADY LN.

*** BUS #13 (8:35 A.M.):**

63 POPLAR
 SPRINGFIELD AND HIGHLAND
 SPRINGFIELD AND FRANKLIN
 SPRINGFIELD AND MOORELAND
 LINE AND SPRINGFIELD
 240 LINE
 LINE AND SEQUOIA
 LINE AND JAMIE
 MILL AND FAMILY LANE
 MILL AND SILVER LAKE
 124 MILL
 111 MILL
 SUFFIELD AND LONGBROOK EST

Granger School Kindergarten Drop-Off

8:35 - 11:00

(Drop-off to begin at approx. 11:05)

163 S. WESTFIELD
 S. WESTFIELD AND BRADFORD
 1023 SHOEMAKER
 1028 SHOEMAKER
 901 SPRINGFIELD (KID'S PLACE)
 SPRINGFIELD AND AMHERST
 SPRINGFIELD AND RALPH
 RALPH AND CHERRY
 COLEMORE AND PARK
 COLEMORE AND HORSHAM
 COLEMORE AND WITHERIDGE
 COLEMORE AND HASTINGS
 COLEMORE AND GREENOCK
 976 SPRINGFIELD
 SPRINGFIELD AND BELVIDERE
 151 N. WESTFIELD
 26 KELLOGG
 CAMBRIDGE AND FORDHAM
 23 FORDHAM
 VASSAR AND PRINCETON
 N. WESTFIELD AND ANVIL
 321 N. WESTFIELD
 N. ST. EXT. AND JUNIPER RIDGE
 408 SOUTHWICK
 NICOLE AND KIMBERLY
 CHARTER OAK AND SOUTHWICK
 150 SOUTHWICK

Granger School Kindergarten Pick-Up

12:10 - 2:45

(Pick-up to begin at approx. 11:35)

13 HENDOM
 HENDOM AND HICKORY
 HENDOM AND TAMARACK
 PAUL REVERE AND ELMAR
 PAUL REVERE AND INDEPENDENCE
 PAUL REVERE AND STILLBROOK
 73 PHEASANT HILL
 67 S. WEST
 S. WEST AND KOZAK
 232 S. WEST
 S. WEST AND RED FOX
 S. WEST AND WHITE FOX
 604 S. WEST
 S. WEST AND KATHY
 JOANNE & BARBARA
 54 BARBARA
 727 BARRY
 600 BARRY
 538 BARRY
 BARRY AND MURIEL
 390 BARRY
 BARRY AND CHRISTOPHER
 460 PINE
 248 BARRY
 228 BARRY
 PINE AND SPRUCE

Granger School Bus Stops

*** BUS #1 (8:00 A.M.):**

17 N. WEST
 170 N. WEST
 178 N. WEST
 N. WEST AND KAREN LYNN
 186 N. WEST
 214 N. WEST
 337 N. WEST
 358 N. WEST
 NORTH ST. EXT. AND JUNIPER RIDGE
 NORTH AND TOM
 187 COLEMORE
 COLEMORE AND JESSICA
 COLEMORE AND HORSHAM
 COLEMORE AND WITHERIDGE
 COLEMORE AND HASTING
 COLEMORE AND BESSBROOK
 COLEMORE AND GREENOCK
 976 SPRINGFIELD

*** BUS #2 (7:55 A.M.):**

430 S. WESTFIELD
 S. WESTFIELD AND BRADFORD
 873 S. WESTFIELD
 126 BARRY
 BARRY AND OAKMONT
 186 BARRY
 195 BARRY
 248 BARRY
 228 BARRY (A.M. ONLY)
 TINY TURTLE DAY CARE
 BARRY AND OAK RIDGE/CRICKET
 BARRY AND CHRISTOPHER
 BARRY AND DUTCHMASTER
 BARRY AND SPEAR FARM
 BARRY AND MURIEL
 443 BARRY
 508 BARRY
 548 BARRY (A.M. ONLY)
 579 BARRY
 600 BARRY (P.M. ONLY)
 759 S. WEST
 S. WEST AND DENISE
 779 S. WEST

788 S. WEST
 796/799 S. WEST (BOTH SIDES)
 819 S. WEST
 385 S. WESTFIELD
 1060 SHOEMAKER (P.M. ONLY)

*** BUS #4 (8:05 A.M.):**

260 SOUTHWICK
 282 SOUTHWICK
 304 SOUTHWICK
 408 SOUTHWICK (A.M. ONLY)
 675 SOUTHWICK
 50 S. WEST
 S. WEST AND WILD BILL
 114 S. WEST
 202 S. WEST
 232 S. WEST (P.M. ONLY)
 482 S. WEST
 604 S. WEST (P.M. ONLY)
 S. WEST AND KATHY TERR.
 JOANNE AND BARBARA
 54 BARBARA
 67 BARBARA
 BARBARA AND BARRY
 727 BARRY (P.M. ONLY)
 BARRY AND SHARON

*** BUS #8 (7:55 A.M.):**

PINE AND SPRUCE
 162 PINE
 230 PINE
 384 PINE
 414 PINE
 432 PINE
 460 PINE (P.M. ONLY)
 467 PINE
 S. WEST AND WHITE FOX
 S. WEST AND RED FOX
 319 S. WEST
 67 S. WEST
 43 S. WEST
 295 SOUTHWICK
 901 SPRINGFIELD ST (KID'S PLACE)
 SPRINGFIELD AND AMHERST
 SPRINGFIELD AND FRANKLIN
 1023 SHOEMAKER (A.M. ONLY)
 1028 SHOEMAKER (A.M. ONLY)
 1060 SHOEMAKER (A.M. ONLY)

Phelps School Kindergarten Drop-Off

9:10 - 11:45

(Drop-off to begin at approx. 11:50)

159 ELM
 ELM AND BIRCH HILL
 MILL AND CLEMATIS
 SUFFIELD AND POINSETTA
 SUFFIELD AND VALENTINE
 SUFFIELD AND ANTHONY
 COOPER AND WILLOWBROOK
 YARMOUTH AND YORKSHIRE
 YORKSHIRE AND LANCASTER
 COOPER AND TRACY
 462 COOPER
 COUNTRY AND BARN
 221 ROWLEY
 195 SUFFIELD
 102 SUFFIELD
 COOPER AND FEDERAL ST EXT
 COOPER AND FEDERAL AVE
 MAIN AND HARVEY JOHNSON

Phelps School Kindergarten Pick-Up

12:45 - 3:20

(Pick-up to begin at approx. 12:25)

MEADOW AND WILDFLOWER
 418 MEADOW

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MEADOW AND REGENCY PARK
SCHOOL AND PLANTATION
SCHOOL AND HEARTHSTONE
COREY AND COREY COLONIAL
COREY AND ALEXANDER
N. ALHAMBRA AND S. ALHAMBRA
MEADOWBROOK AND WESTERN
WESTERN AND MERRELL
CLIFTON AND WESTERN
WARREN AND DYOTTE
DYOTTE AND LEONARD
508 RIVER
LEONARD AND ROBERTA
LEONARD AND DEBRA
LEONARD AND KATHERINE

Phelps School Bus Stops

*** BUS #1 (8:40 A.M.):**

176 ROWLEY (A.M. ONLY)
BARN AND ROWLEY (P.M. ONLY)
BARN AND COUNTRY
221 ROWLEY (A.M. ONLY)
30 GREENACRE
462 COOPER (A.M. ONLY)
COOPER AND BRIEN
COOPER AND LANCASTER
COOPER AND YARMOUTH
WILLOWBROOK AND WRENWOOD
COOPER AND KAREN
COOPER AND TRACY
COOPER AND CARDINAL
COOPER AND SENATOR 1ST
COOPER AND BELLE (P.M. ONLY)
COOPER AND SENATOR 2ND
COOPER AND FEDERAL ST EXT
COOPER AND FAIRVIEW
COOPER AND FEDERAL AVE

*** BUS #10 (8:40 A.M.):**

COREY AND COREY COLONIAL
196 COREY
COREY AND ALEXANDER
COREY AND JANELLE
475 COREY
COREY AND N. ALHAMBRA
25 S. ALHAMBRA
RIVER AND SEYMOUR
846 RIVER RD
49 SIMPSON CIR.
MEADOWBROOK AND SIMPSON
MEADOWBROOK AND WESTERN
41 WESTERN
401 SCHOOL
343 SCHOOL
SCHOOL AND BEVERLY
SCHOOL AND PLANTATION
238 SCHOOL
SCHOOL AND HEARTHSTONE
149 SCHOOL

*** BUS #14 (8:35 A.M.):**

14 REED
REED AND VERNON
REED AND POTOMAC
VIRGINIA AND SUFFIELD
195 SUFFIELD (A.M. ONLY)
352 SUFFIELD
SUFFIELD AND MANSION WOODS
636 SUFFIELD
18 PERRY LANE
109 SILVER
SILVER AND CASTLE HILL CONDOS
SUFFIELD AND POINSETTA
20 ANTHONY (1ST DRIVEWAY)
ANTHONY AND SAMUEL
CLEMATIS AND VALENTINE
CLEMATIS AND ALTHEA

SUFFIELD AND CENTER
*** BUS #15 (8:35 A.M.):**
HARVEY JOHNSON AND FEDERAL AVE (P.M. ONLY)
31 FEDERAL ST
FEDERAL AND PRINCE
420 MAIN ST
57 MEADOW
105 MEADOW
194 MEADOW
350 MEADOW
418 MEADOW (HERITAGE VILLAGE)
MEADOW AND JOSEPH
MEADOW AND EDITHA
RIVER AND BARNEY
RIVER AND STERLING
RIVER AND RIVERSIDE AVE

*** BUS #16 (8:35 A.M.):**

SILVER AND PEMBROKE
SILVER AND ELM
ELM AND BIRCH HILL
159 ELM (A.M. ONLY)
126 ELM
MERRELL AND WESTERN
CLIFTON AND WESTERN
RIVER AND GLENDALE
RIVER AND WARREN
LEONARD AND DANNY
LEONARD AND RIVER (P.M. ONLY)
LEONARD AND ROBERTA
LEONARD AND DEBRA
LEONARD AND KATHERINE
190 LEONARD

Robinson Park Kindergarten Drop-Off

9:10 - 11:45

(Drop-off to begin at approx. 11:48)

329 SPRINGFIELD
20 MAYNARD
CORONET CIR AND ROBIN LN
251 NORTH
NORTH AND CLEVELAND
NORTH AND OAK LN
NORTH AND JAMES
NORTH AND LETENDRE
WILBERT AND AUDUBON
982 NORTH ST EXT
NORTH ST EXT AND KOSCIUSKO
NORTH WEST AND KATY LN
NORTH WEST AND PETERSON (2ND)
PLEASANT VALLEY AND BEECH HILL
15 HIGH MEADOW
140 ROBIN RIDGE
95 ROBIN RIDGE
48 ROBIN RIDGE
124 VALLEYBROOK
HOMER AND GALE
SPRINGFIELD AND BROZ
SPRINGFIELD AND LINE (SANDCASTLES)
SPFLD AND NORMAN TER (SHIBLEY COURTS)
SPRINGFIELD AND SHERI LN

Robinson Park Kindergarten Pick-Up

12:45 - 3:20

(Pick-up to begin at approx. 12:30)

SPRINGFIELD AND ROYAL LN
ELIZABETH MANOR APTS./MAPLE ST
MAPLE AND SCHERPA
BRIDGE AND OTTAWA
BRIDGE AND COOLEY
RIVER AND KING
77 WALNUT
185 SPRINGFIELD

Robinson Park Bus Stops

*** BUS #3 (8:30 A.M.):**

989 NORTH ST EXT
1004 NORTH ST EXT
1045 NORTH ST EXT
NORTH ST EXT AND KOSCIUSKO
1165 NORTH ST EXT
NORTH ST EXT AND STONY HILL
482 N. WEST
KATY LANE (A.M. ONLY)
594 N. WEST
682 N. WEST
692 N. WEST
736 N. WEST
788 N. WEST
N. WEST AND PETERSON (2ND)

*** BUS #4 (8:40 A.M.):**

NORTH AND CHERRY
377 NORTH
NORTH AND LETENDRE
NORTH AND JAMES
NORTH AND OAK/ARNOLD
NORTH AND CLEVELAND
NORTH AND MCKINLEY
NORTH AND TAFT
NORTH AND WILSON
NORTH AND HARDING
NORTH AND MAYNARD
NORTH AND GRANT

*** BUS #7 (8:30 A.M.):**

840 NORTH
NORTH AND PLEASANT
ROBIN RIDGE AND ORIOLE
ROBIN RIDGE AND PLEASANT
PLEASANT VALLEY AND BEECH HILL
PLEASANT VALLEY AND HIGH MEADOW
ROBIN RIDGE AND BEECH HILL
140 ROBIN RIDGE (A.M. ONLY)
95 ROBIN RIDGE
92 PARKVIEW
PARKVIEW AND CAROL
PARKVIEW AND THALIA
40 THALIA
19 BRIAR HILL
FOX FARM AND STRAWBERRY HILL
STRAWBERRY HILL AND FIELDSTONE
VALLEY BROOK AND FOREST HILL
FOREST HILL AND CLOVER HILL
CLOVER HILL AND VALLEY BROOK

*** BUS #9 (8:35 A.M.):**

726 N. WESTFIELD
N. WESTFIELD AND MARLENE
1023 N. WESTFIELD
1003 N. WESTFIELD
985 N. WESTFIELD
N. WESTFIELD AND PARKEDGE
781 N. WESTFIELD
733 N. WESTFIELD
N. WESTFIELD AND PROVIN MT
N. WESTFIELD AND ALLISON
N. WESTFIELD AND NEW YORK

*** BUS #12 (8:35 A.M.):**

SPRINGFIELD AND KRISTEN
SPRINGFIELD AND CLEVELAND
SPRINGFIELD AND SHIBLEY CT.
SPRINGFIELD AND LETENDRE
HOMER AND GALE
NORTH AND SYLVAN (P.M. ONLY)
443 NORTH
NORTH AND NOLAN
WILBERT AND AUDUBON
AUDUBON AND RIDGEWAY
497 NORTH
505 NORTH
SPRINGFIELD AND LINE (SANDCASTLE)



AHS PRINCIPAL PAUL C. CAVALLO

Letter To The Class Of 2001

Dear Seniors:

As seniors, this is your year - the culminating experience of many years of public education that started in childhood and ends in emerging adulthood. This is a special year for you - one of memories and challenges, and achievements and decision. As your principal, I am looking forward to working with you in anticipation of this very important year.

I do not have to tell you about the special role that seniors play in any high school. This is especially true here, where the senior tradition is strong. You are the leaders of this school. People look up to you; they look to you to set the tone and to provide the driving force that builds "spirit."

Your maturity and attitude can definitely impact the type of year we will have. Knowing this, I ask you to join me in a partnership to lead our school to new heights in achievement. Together, we can make this a great school year.

Being realistic, I must caution you. Do not pursue a path that will prevent you from receiving your diploma in June. The greatest threat to realizing this goal will be overconfidence and the false sense of security that comes from thinking that it can't happen to me. Believe me, it can.

This year, strive for the best. Use drive, determination and self-discipline to excel.

Through teamwork, let us join together to meet the challenges of your senior year successfully.

Sincerely,
Paul C. Cavallo
Principal

Briefs From Agawam High

(Submitted by Paul C. Cavallo, Principal)
THE SPIRIT OF EDUCATION

It is important for the entire community to understand that there is a definite purpose and a wide range of expectations that embody the heart and soul of the high school. The entire staff is committed to the fulfillment of the following:

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

Agawam High School, in partnership with the community, promotes the intellectual, social, emotional and physical development of its students to prepare them for a productive and fulfilling life.

A wide variety of quality instructional programs as well as a safe, secure learning environment based on respect and responsibility will be offered.

Students will be encouraged to develop high academic, personal and social standards in order to acquire and apply the knowledge, skills and values necessary to become self-reliant citizens in an ever-changing world.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT PERFORMANCE

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

Agawam High School students will:

- * Read critically for a variety of purposes.
- * Write clearly and in a focused manner in order to express ideas accurately.
- * Speak clearly and in a focused manner in order to express ideas accurately.
- * Develop world language skills and achieve success at different levels of instruction.
- * Understand mathematical skills and apply them to human concerns and life experiences in an ever-changing global community.
- * Understand scientific and technological skills and apply them to human concerns and life experiences in an ever-changing global community.
- * Understand the concepts of good health for self and society.

* Define a variety of art forms.

* Become aware of the changing employment market by demonstrating skills and knowledge in career preparation.

SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS

Agawam High School students will:

- * Respect peers, teachers, staff and school property and use appropriate methods to resolve conflicts and disagreements.
- * Recognize and be accountable for following the rules and regulations governing the school and be aware of the availability for support services.
- * Be encouraged to become involved citizens in school, local, and global activities.

EXPECTATIONS FOR SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Agawam High School will:

- * Provide a constantly updated diverse curriculum, which includes opportunities for cross curriculum learning supported by technology.
- * Provide academic, social, and career support services.
- * Promote positive public relations within the school and between the school and the community.
- * Acknowledge student and staff achievement.
- * Update and maintain equipment and learning materials.
- * Provide up-to-date library materials and a media center equipped with state-of-the-art technology.
- * Provide a safe, secure, and healthy environment.
- * Provide a schedule, which allows sufficient time and sufficient place for school activities.
- * Provide sufficient faculty to implement student goals and expectations.
- * Provide teacher professional development to meet the changing needs of the school and its students.
- * Enforce discipline fairly and consistently.
- * Involve students in school governance.

STAFFING

Many new and capable educators have been added to the professional staff at Agawam High School. This is due to retirements and a commitment to reducing class size. Two social studies teachers, two math teachers, one science teacher, one special education teacher, and two business teachers have been added to the staff. A new library media specialist has also been added.

The quality of those hired is very good. The addition of these talented people is going to result in many positive achievements for the high school.

SCHOOL CLIMATE

Any individual found smoking in school buildings and/or on school grounds will be subjected to a fine. The purpose of this policy is designed to improve the health and safety of students and others.

Substance abuse is a problem that all high schools have to contend with. Unfortunately many students in Agawam High School have had difficulties with substance abuse.

The high school offers counseling as well as promotes educational awareness. The high school administration severely disciplines substance abuse by students. Almost all of the longer-term suspensions (10 days) are substance abuse related. The

only expulsion during the 1999-2000 school year was for substance abuse.

It is important for parents to be aware of the activities of their child or children. The greatest defense against substance abuse by a child is the parent.

All parents are encouraged to unite with the administration to combat this life-destroying problem.

Theft is an ongoing problem at the high school. The security cameras that monitor the main parking lot have helped reduce incidents of theft in the parking lot. Sharing of lockers is prohibited. When this occurs, problems of theft result. The administration will not be held responsible for materials stolen from student lockers. Therefore, the administration vigorously encourages students to buy additional locks from the AHS office to be placed on as many lockers as possible as an extra precaution. (Only locks purchased at the AHS office are allowed on school lockers.)

PARKING LOT

Contrary to the belief of some, there are not enough parking spaces to accommodate everyone. Only those juniors and seniors who are passing all of their courses, in each marking period, can exercise the parking lot privilege. One hundred and ten members of the Class of 2001 and one hundred and forty-two members of the Class of 2002 are presently academically ineligible to use the parking lot at the start of the school year based on his/her performance at the end of the previous school year.

It is important for everyone to realize that the parking lot policy has a greater goal in mind than dealing with insufficient spaces. The administration simply wants all students to pass his/her courses to maintain the appropriate path toward graduation. It is not unreasonable for the administration to encourage this as all benefit from this.

The parking lot is, at times, a nightmare in the morning as far too many students are being transported by parents to school at, what seems, exactly the same time. It is imperative that parents and students develop better strategies with regard to this. Some useful strategies to use are taking the bus, or get to school earlier. **Parents are to drop off students at the end of the front parking lot near the gym, not in front of the main entrance. This procedure for parking drop-off will be strictly enforced.**

VOLUNTEER TUTORS

Agawam High School, thanks to very caring and generous senior citizens, offers students a senior-citizen-tutoring program free of charge. The tutors have proven to be very effective in assisting students with his/her difficulties in the areas of math, science and social studies. If anyone is interested in volunteering some time to serve as a tutor, call the high school at 821-0530 and leave your name, number, and the academic areas that you are capable of tutoring in.

INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM/

WORLD WAR II VETERANS

The high school administration, united with others in the community, wants to officially award high school diplomas to those individuals who left high school in order to serve America during World War II. Please contact Principal Paul C. Cavallo at 821-0521 to receive more information about this.

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION

Formally parental notification of student progress and/or discipline occurs in many ways:

1. Report cards are issued in November, February, April and the end of June/first week of July (this depends on the mail and the data processing program).

2. Warning notices are issued in October, December, March and May.

3. The Deputy Principal and Dean of Students officially notify parents about suspensions through the mail and/or telephone calls in certain situations.

4. Weekly progress reports can be requested by a parent through the guidance department.

5. Parents Night in November is established for teacher/parent discussion of student progress.

Informally, teachers are encouraged by the administration to contact parents with both positive and negative information.

Parents are encouraged to feel free to contact their

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child's or children's guidance counselor for information on academic progress and attendance. It is the job of the guidance staff to assist parents in this area.

It is important for parents to understand that research indicates that twenty-five percent of a child's success in school is school based and that seventy-five percent of a child's success in school is due to parental factors.

ATHLETICS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Agawam High School offers its students a myriad of programs to help an individual to discover and develop his/her unique talents fully. If a student wants to have fun, make friends, become a leader and grow to be a more complete person, then that student should take advantage of the wide range of activities that are available. However, it is important to understand that academic success comes first.

STATE LEGISLATION AND DISCIPLINE

CHAPTER 269: HAZING

Amended January 1988

SECTION 17: Whoever is a principal organizer or participant in the crime of hazing, as defined herein, shall be punished by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

The term "hazing" as used in this section and in sections eighteen and nineteen, shall mean any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution under this action.

SECTION 18: Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined in section seventeen and is at the scene of such crime, shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, report such crime to an appropriate law enforcement official as soon as reasonably practicable. Whoever fails to report such a crime shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

SECTION 19: Each institution of secondary education and each public and private institution of post-secondary education shall issue to every student group, student team or student organization which is part of such institution or is recognized by the institution or permitted by the institution to use its name or facilities or is known by the institution to exist as an unaffiliated student group, student team or student organization, a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen; provided, however, that an institution's compliance with this section's requirements that an institution issue copies of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations shall not constitute evidence of the institution's recognition or endorsement of said unaffiliated student groups, teams, or organizations.

Each such group, team or organization shall distribute a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to each of its members, plebes, pledges or applicants for membership. It shall be the duty of each such group, team, or organization, acting through its designated officer, to deliver annually, to the institution an attested acknowledgment stating that such group, team, or organization has received a copy of this section and said sections seventeen and eighteen, that each of its members, plebes, pledges, or applicants have received a copy of sections seventeen and eighteen, and that such group, team or organization understands and agrees to comply with the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post-secondary education shall, at least annually, before or at the start of the enrollment, deliver to each person who enrolls as a full-time student in such institution a copy of this sec-

tion and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post-secondary education shall file, at least annually, a report with the regents of higher education and in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education, certifying that such institution has complied with its responsibility to inform student groups, teams or organizations and to notify each full-time student enrolled by it of the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen and also certifying that said institution has adopted a disciplinary policy with regard to the organizers and participants of hazing, and that such policy has been set forth with appropriate emphasis in the student handbook or similar means of communicating the institution's policies to its students. The board of regents and, in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education shall promulgate regulations governing the content and frequency of such reports, and shall forthwith report to the attorney general any such institution which fails to make such report.

CONSEQUENCE: Suspension of one or more days at the discretion of the administrator adjudicating the case.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 151B, Section (18), unlawful discrimination on the basis of gender shall include, but not be limited to, sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is also prohibited in the work place by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 151A, Section 25.

It is the policy of the school district, as well as state and federal law, that sexual harassment of a student, present or prospective employee, or visitor shall not be tolerated. Violation of this policy and of the law, if proven, will result in disciplinary action. Any person who believes that he/she has been the victim of sexual harassment may seek redress through the sexual harassment complaint procedure.

Sexual harassment means any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when: (a) submission to or rejection of such advances, requests or conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of the provision of the benefits, privileges or placement services or as the basis for the evaluation of academic achievement; or (b) submission to or rejection of such advances, requests or conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or as a basis for the evaluation of employment achievement; or (c) such advances, requests or conduct have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's education or employment by creating an intimidating, hostile, humiliating or sexually offensive environment. (From M.G.L. C. 151C, S. 1E)

Sexual harassment is not, by definition, limited to prohibited conduct by a male employee toward a female employee. Rather:

1. A man as well as a woman may be the victim of sexual harassment, and a woman as well as a man may be the harasser.

2. The victim does not have to be the opposite sex from the harasser.

3. The victim does not have to be the person at whom the unwelcome sexual conduct is directed. The victim may also be someone who is affected by such conduct when it is directed toward another person. For example, the sexual harassment of one female (or male) may create an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment for another female (or male) student or interfere with the student's performance. The belief that such interference has occurred must be objectively reasonable.

Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

A. Demanding sexual favors accompanied by overt threats.

B. Engaging in reprisals (making negative statements about the victim's personal conduct, etc.), as a result of an individual's refusing to engage in social/sexual behavior.

C. Contact with any sexual part of a student's body (e.g., touching, patting or pinching).

D. Touching any nonsexual part of the body (e.g., shoulder, etc.) after that person has verbally or otherwise indicated that such touching is unwanted.

E. Continuing to ask a person to socialize after that person has verbally or in writing indicated no interest in such activities.

F. Displaying sexually suggestive pictures, objects, cartoons, or posters after being told they are offensive.

G. Subtle pressure for sexual activities, e.g., continuing to write suggestive notes or letters or suggestive verbal statements after being informed they are unwelcome.

H. Verbal harassment or abuse; e.g., referring to or calling a person an endearing, demeaning or sexualized term, or making reference to a person's physical characteristic (e.g. pregnancy) when that person has verbally or in writing indicated to the harasser that she/he does not wish to be addressed or referred to in that manner.

I. Leering, i.e., prolonged staring, at a person's body

J. Language in another's presence or conduct even if not directed to said individual - once it is known that she/he objects.

Each student is personally responsible for ensuring that she/he does not sexually harass any other student or any other individual in the school, for cooperating in the investigation of complaints of alleged sexual harassment by providing any information she/he possesses concerning the matters being investigated, and for otherwise cooperating with efforts to prevent and eliminate sexual harassment and to maintain a learning environment free from such unlawful discrimination.

All persons have the right to be free from sexual harassment (M.G.L. C. 214, S. 1C); therefore, sexual harassment in any form is strictly forbidden in school, on school grounds or at school-related activities.

Sexual harassment is prohibited conduct which can cause serious physical or psychological damage, affecting work or educational performance. Any student who believes she/he is a victim of sexual harassment should talk to an adult in a position of authority in the school as soon as possible. Students are strongly encouraged to explain the incident and ask for help. Students should avoid trying to solve the problem of sexual harassment alone.

All persons shall report knowledge of actual or reasonably suspected sexual harassment to the school administration.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

A formal complaint may be filed at any time by a student, employee, administrator, and/or applicant who believes that his/her rights as outlined in the sexual harassment policy have been violated. Each student, faculty member, administrator or staff member has an obligation to make every effort to resolve problems informally as they arise. All members of the school community are urged to resolve problems fairly and informally. If a suitable solution cannot be reached informally through independent means, a formal investigation may be initiated and appropriate disciplining action taken.

Definitions

A complaint shall be an accusation by an individual that there has been a violation of the sexual harassment policy.

A. The individual should file a written statement of the complaint within thirty (30) days of the alleged harassment. The complaint should be filed with the superintendent of schools or, in the event that the superintendent is the alleged harasser, with the chairperson of the school committee.

B. Once the superintendent or chairperson receives the complaint, he/she shall conduct an appropriate investigation. At his/her discretion, the superintendent or the chairperson may designate some other individual to conduct the investigation.

C. Such investigation may consist of, but may not be limited to, the following actions:

1. Interview(s) with the individuals.

2. Interview(s) with the person(s) alleged to be the harasser(s).

3. Interviews with other employees or witnesses.

4. Interviews with other individual's at the discretion of the superintendent or chairperson.

5. Review of pertinent records.

D. Within a reasonable time after receipt of the complaint, the superintendent or chairperson shall inform the alleged harasser and the individual of his/her decision as to whether he/she finds the written allegations to be credible.

1. If the superintendent or chairperson determines

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that the allegations are not credible, the matter shall be closed. The superintendent or chairperson shall keep the documents, notes and other material from the investigation as a record for an appropriate period of time. The purpose for retaining this record is to enable the school district to prove that the appropriate investigation was conducted.

2. If the superintendent or chairperson determines that the allegations, or any part of the allegations, are credible, he/she shall take appropriate disciplinary action against the person(s) involved.

E. If the person filing the complaint or the person who is the subject of the complaint is not satisfied with the results of the complaint procedure, he/she may appeal for a hearing before the school committee.

Miscellaneous

A. Individuals are not limited to a formal complaint procedure but may seek relief from other agencies, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Massachusetts Commission against Discrimination or the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Education.

B. Any retaliatory action of any kind taken by an employee or student of the school district against any other employee or student of the school district as a result of that person's seeking redress under these procedures, cooperating in an investigation, or otherwise participating in any proceeding under these procedures is prohibited, and shall be regarded as a separate and distinct matter under this procedure.

C. All complaint proceedings will, to the greatest possible extent, be held in confidence by all persons directly or indirectly involved in them.

Penalties In Cases Of Sexual Harassment

Remedial actions will depend on the severity of the incident(s). Because of the private nature of certain incidents, particularly those involving sexual harassment, and the emotional and moral complexities surrounding such issues, every effort will be made to resolve problems on an informal basis, if possible. When a complaint is resolved informally, only a short summary of the incident will be maintained on file.

An admission of guilt, an acknowledgment of verbal warning, a promise not to commit such abuse again, and action taken to provide appropriate relief for the individual may be sufficient resolution. At this informal state, it is hoped to sensitize the person at fault to the effects of such behavior, to be constructive and not unduly punitive in the disciplinary action. If informal resolutions are not adhered to or if the allegations involve conduct for which informal resolutions are not appropriate, the superintendent or chairperson may deem it necessary to take appropriate action that can include formal letters of reprimand, suspension, discharge or other disciplinary action.

CONSEQUENCES: If the school administration determines that sexual harassment has actually taken place, in cases exclusively involving students, disciplinary and corrective action will occur to prevent any further incidents. The range of discipline and corrective action may include one or more of the following:

1. Apology to the victim.
2. Mandatory counseling.
3. Detention.
4. Short term suspension.
5. Recommendation for long term suspension hearing or expulsion hearing.

HATE CRIMES

Conduct including threats, aggressive physical intimidation, and physical force motivated by racial, religious, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, and disability bias is specifically prohibited by civil rights and hate crime laws in Massachusetts. Injuries to victims from hate crimes can result in double felony violations. Effective law enforcement requires ongoing communication and cooperation between school officials and police agencies.

Students involved in hate crimes will be disciplined according to the discipline policies outlined in zero tolerance.

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

School bus rules are necessary to ensure the safety of students. With the intent of making our school busing operation as safe and orderly as possible, the Agawam School Committee has approved the following rules for student conduct:

1. Wait for bus at designated bus stop. Buses will stop only at authorized stops. Remain orderly and away from street until the bus arrives. Pupils are not to play in road, trespass on private property, or

engage in behavior that could be dangerous to those at the bus stop.

2. If you must cross a highway to board the bus or to get back to your bus stop, wait until the bus driver signals that all is clear and that you may proceed to cross the highway. Always cross in front of the bus.

3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before boarding. Do not crowd toward the street and bus.

4. Enter the bus quietly and in an orderly manner. Proceed directly to a seat.

5. The driver has been instructed not to wait for you. Be on time.

6. Remain in your seat while the bus is moving. Pupils are not to change seats while the bus is in motion. Conditions may require specific seating arrangements. These arrangements are to be made by the driver and/or principal only.

7. Leave and enter only at front entrance door except in cases of emergency. Emergency Exit Drills will be conducted during the school year to acquaint children with methods of exit in emergencies.

8. Talking in a conversational voice and tone is permissible. Shouting or excessive loud talking is prohibited.

9. Undesirable remarks directed to the driver or other students and stirring up adverse behavior are not allowed.

10. Horseplay is not permitted. Students are not to yell, motion, or discharge any objects that will distract or prove offensive to the driver or other motorists and/or pedestrians. Throwing of objects or articles is forbidden.

11. EATING (including beverages) and SMOKING ARE NOT PERMITTED on school buses.

12. Packages other than school materials will not be transported at any time.

13. Pupils are to remain seated at discharge points until the school bus has come to a complete stop. Leave quickly and orderly, one at a time.

14. Pupils must follow instructions given by the bus driver.

15. Damage to buses will not be tolerated. Students are responsible for damage to their seat and area during their trip. Any damage should be reported immediately to the driver.

16. Pupils entitled to transportation may ride only the bus assigned to and from school.

17. Students in grades 7 thru 12 are required to have identification cards, issued by the school department, in order to ride school buses. These cards must be shown to the driver upon entering the bus. If the driver so requests, the cards must be surrendered by the student. Such a request will be made only if a disciplinary problem exists. The card will be returned to the student through the principal's office when the student is again entitled to ride. If the driver turns in a card in the afternoon, the student will be allowed to ride to school the next morning pending an investigation by the principal of the complaint. Cards will be issued annually. Lost cards must be replaced before the student will be allowed to ride. Transferred-in students will be issued a temporary bus pass by the principal. Students leaving school for any reason are required to turn in the I.D. card. Cards will be prepared during the first week of school by the School Department.

18. The Agawam School Department reserves the right to refuse to transport any pupil who fails to observe rules and regulations or exhibits unacceptable conduct.

For the convenience of those who have reason to remain after school, there is a late bus leaving approximately at 2:45 on Monday through Thursday.

Disciplinary Measures

The penalty for initial violation of bus rules will be a warning. A second offense will result in a loss of riding privileges for a period of five (5) school days. A third misconduct will result in loss of transportation for two weeks (10 days). Any further problems will result in loss of riding privileges for a minimum of one month. Serious breeches of discipline such as fighting, abuse of the bus driver or other passengers, damage to the bus, or any other action constituting a threat to safety will result in immediate loss of riding privileges. When a loss of riding privileges occurs, the student cannot ride the late bus. If loss of riding occurs as a result of misconduct on a late bus, day busing will also be denied.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION**CHAPTER 140: SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL ZONES****140-1 UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS IN SCHOOLS OR SCHOOL ZONES:****LOITERERS AND TRESPASSERS**

A. No person not being a student or employee of a school and not having a legitimate, specific reason for being there and not having written or oral permission from the school principal or his/her designee, shall remain in or about any school ground or any public property or way immediately adjacent there to during school hours.

B. No person not being a student or employee of a school shall congregate or stand in or in front or in back or to the side of any school playground or, without written or oral permission from the school principal or his/her designee, shall use any school playground or facilities thereon during school hours.

C. Persons shall not congregate or stand on any public way or public property, or in front or in back or to the side of any kindergarten, primary, elementary or secondary school with the purpose of annoying or molesting the students or employees thereof, or hinder, obstruct, prevent or disrupt the normal functions carried on therein, or prevent students or employees from entering or leaving the school.

D. No person not being a student or employee of a school, while on school property or on public property adjacent to a school, shall distribute to students or throw, deposit, or discard any handbills, literature, brochures, or other papers or articles of any kind, unless such person has received written or oral permission from the school principal or his/her designee.

E. No person shall post or affix handbills, posters, political signs, or articles of any kind promoting business or organizations to any building, tree, fence or other structure on school grounds without written or oral permission from the school principal or his/her designee.

NONDISCRIMINATION

Chapter 622 of the Acts of 1971 (M.G.L. 76:5), referred to as "An Act to Prohibit Discrimination in the Public Schools," states in part:

No person shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to a public school of any town, or in obtaining the advantages, privileges, and courses of study of such public school on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation.

This law makes it clear that all aspects of public school education must be fully open and available to members of both sexes and minority groups. No school may exclude a student from any course, activity, service or resource available in that public school on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation of such child.

On June 24, 1975, the State Board of Education approved regulations for Chapter 622. School admissions, admission to courses of study, guidance, course content, and extra-curricular and athletic activities are the five areas of school policy that the regulations address.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Chapter 622, contact your principal. Copies of the law and the regulations may be obtained from the Bureau of Equal Educational Opportunity, 182 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111 (617 272-5880).

Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 (P. L. 92-318) states in part:

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance...

The Education for All Handicapped Children Act (P. L. 94-142 of 1975) requires the school system to provide a "free and appropriate education" to all handicapped children ages 3 through 21. This mandate is also a requirement of Massachusetts law.

The school committee affirms that it is in compliance with the above laws and that the school system does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or handicap. This policy extends to present and prospective students and employees.

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The school committee shall designate a school employee to serve as compliance officer of the school system's nondiscrimination programs. This person shall coordinate efforts to comply with state and federal regulations; investigate any complaint alleging noncompliance; and report any findings to the school committee through the superintendent. Parents/guardians, students, and staff members will also be notified of the proper state or federal agencies where they may register complaints.

NONDISCRIMINATION

Title IX and Handicap (Section 504)

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS

Students fourteen years of age or older, who feel their rights have been violated under Title IX or Handicap (Section 504), are to contact:

1. Deputy superintendent.
2. Dean of students at Agawam High School.

If the grievance cannot be resolved by the dean of students, the following are to be contacted (in this order) to arrive at prompt and equitable resolutions of student complaints charging violations of Title IX or Handicap (Section 504):

1. Guidance counselor (in their building).
2. Deputy principal (in their building).
3. Principal (in their building).
4. Superintendent of schools.
5. School committee.

Students under fourteen years of age may have their parents/guardians grieve on their behalf in writing to their building principal. If the grievance cannot be resolved by the building principal, the following are to be contacted (in this order) to arrive at prompt and equitable resolutions of student complaints charging violations of Title IX or Handicap (Section 504):

1. Superintendent of schools.
2. School committee.

DISCIPLINE SYSTEM

The Agawam High School discipline system is based on many factors. It is reflective of the combined effort of the administration, faculty, student government, school council and others. It is also reflective of national and state reform movements that emphasize the importance of safe schools. The fundamental purpose of the discipline system is to insist that student behavior be based on respect and responsibility.

DISCIPLINE POLICIES**ZERO TOLERANCE**

A. Any student who is found on school premises or at school-sponsored or school-related events, including athletic games, in possession of a dangerous weapon, including but not limited to a gun or knife, or laser pointer, will be suspended and may be subject to expulsion from the school or school district by the principal.

B. Any student who is found on school premises or at school-sponsored events, including athletic games:

1. under the influence of or in possession of a controlled substance as defined in General Laws, Chapter 94C, including but not limited to marijuana, cocaine and heroin, or
2. engaging in the sale, distribution, or exchange of a controlled substance as defined in General Laws, Chapter 94C, including but not limited to marijuana, cocaine, or heroin, or
3. under the influence of, in possession of, or having consumed any alcoholic beverage, or
4. engaging in the sale, distribution, or exchange of any alcoholic beverage will be suspended and may be subject to expulsion from the school or school district by the principal.

C. Any student who assaults or threatens a principal, deputy principal, dean of students, teacher, teacher's aide, or other educational staff on school premises or at school-sponsored or school-related events, including athletic games, will be suspended and may be subject to expulsion from the school or school district by the principal.

D. Any student who is involved in arson, the assault and battery of another student, dangerous threats to another student, bomb threats, false fire alarms or other dangerous behavior on school premises or at school-sponsored or school-related events,

including athletic games, will be suspended or may be subject to expulsion from the school or school district by the principal with the approval of the school committee.

E. Any student who is charged with a violation of any of the above shall be notified of an opportunity for a hearing. In cases of expulsion, the student may also have representation and the opportunity to present evidence and witnesses at said hearing before the principal.

F. Police will be notified in all cases.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Any student who makes a verbal or written threat to kill or harm an individual or group of individuals will be subjected to the following:

1. Said student will be disciplined according to the discipline policies outlined in zero tolerance.
2. Those being threatened will be directed to file court complaints.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION**BASED ON A FELONY**

(Massachusetts General Laws, Chap. 380, Section 2; Amendment 1 to Section 37H)

1. Upon the issuance of a criminal complaint charging a student with a felony, or upon the issuance of a felony delinquency complaint against a student, the principal or headmaster of a school in which the student is enrolled may suspend such student for a period of time determined appropriate by said principal or headmaster if said principal or headmaster determines that the student's continued presence in school would have a substantial effect on the general welfare of the school. The student shall receive written notification of the charges and the reason for such suspension prior to such suspension taking effect. The student shall also receive written notification of his/her right to appeal and the process for appealing such suspension; provided, however, that such suspension shall remain in effect prior to any appeal hearing conducted by the superintendent.

The student shall have the right to appeal the suspension to the superintendent. The student shall notify the superintendent in writing of his/her request for an appeal no later than five calendar days following the effective date of the suspension. The superintendent shall hold a hearing with the student and the student's parent or guardian within three calendar days of the student's request for an appeal. At the hearing, the student shall have the right to present oral and written testimony on his/her behalf, and shall have the right to counsel. The superintendent shall have the authority to overturn or alter the decision of the principal or headmaster, including recommending an alternate educational program for the student. The superintendent shall render a decision on the appeal within five calendar days of the hearing. Such decision shall be the final decision of the city, town, or regional school district with regard to the suspension.

2. Upon a student being convicted of a felony or upon an adjudication or admission in court of guilt with respect to such a felony or felony delinquency, the principal or headmaster of a school in which the student is enrolled may expel said student if such principal or headmaster determines that the student's continued presence in school would have a substantial detrimental effect on the general welfare of the school. The student shall receive written notification of the charges and reasons for such expulsion prior to such expulsion taking effect. The student shall also receive written notification of his/her right to appeal and the process for appealing such expulsion; provided, however, that the expulsion shall remain in effect prior to any appeal hearing conducted by the superintendent.

The student shall have the right to appeal the expulsion to the superintendent. The student shall notify the superintendent, in writing, of his/her request for an appeal no later than five calendar days following the effective date of the expulsion. The superintendent shall hold a hearing with the student and the student's parents or guardian within three calendar days of the expulsion. At the hearing, the student shall have the right to counsel. The superintendent shall have the authority to overturn or alter the decision of the principal or headmaster, including recommending an alternate educational program for the student. The superintendent shall render a decision on the appeal within five calendar days of the hearing. Such decision shall be the final decision of the city,

town or regional school district with regard to the expulsion.

Upon expulsion of such student, no school or school district shall be required to provide educational services to such student.

SUSPENDABLE BEHAVIORS**INTERNAL SUSPENSION GUIDELINES**

Internal suspension may be assigned by an administrator as an alternative to out-of-school suspension. Parents/guardians are notified. Students assigned to internal suspension are isolated from their peers for the duration of their assignment. During internal suspension, students will work on school related assignments.

1. SMOKING/POSSESSION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Massachusetts State Law Chapter 71, Section 2A prohibits the use of tobacco products in the public schools or on school grounds. The Agawam Board of Health, pursuant to the authority granted under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111, Section 31, hereby adopted the following regulation to protect the public health of the community: No miner may possess a tobacco product on school property within the Town of Agawam.

CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st violation: Write the violator a ticket for twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) payable to the Town of Agawam within twenty-one (21) calendar days.

- 2nd and subsequent violations: Write the violator a ticket for one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) payable to the Town of Agawam within twenty-one (21) calendar days.

In response to Town Ordinance TOR-99-5, the following classes will be offered:

In lieu of the \$25.00 fine:

* 2 hour Tobacco Education Class.

* This must be completed within 21 calendar days of the infraction.

* A certification of compliance will be issued upon completion.

In lieu of the \$100.00 fine:

* 8 hour-4 week Tobacco Cessation Class.

* This must be completed within 21 calendar days of the infraction.

* A certification of compliance will be issued upon completion.

2. TRUANCY

Attendance at every session of school is absolutely essential for good scholastic standing. While school is in session, all outside interests should be considered of secondary importance. Appointments with doctors and dentists should not be made during school hours.

If you are truant you will forfeit all normal make-up privileges. Your work will be counted at half value. Parent/guardian notification will be a usual consequence, and persistent truancy can result in a student contract, request for withdrawal from school, or a recommendation for expulsion from school.

CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: One day internal suspension.

- 2nd offense: Two days internal suspension.

- 3rd offense: Three days internal suspension.

3. USE OR POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS, STINK BOMBS, ANIMAL SCENTS, ETC.**CONSEQUENCES:**

- 1st offense: Three days external suspension.

- 2nd offense: Five days external suspension.

- 3rd offense: Ten days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion. Police to be notified in certain cases.

4. USE OF MATCHES, LIGHTERS, ETC.**CONSEQUENCES:**

- 1st offense: Three days external suspension.

- 2nd offense: Five days external suspension.

- 3rd offense: Ten days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion. Police to be notified in certain cases.

5. THEFT OF PERSONAL OR SCHOOL PROPERTY**CONSEQUENCES:**

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- 1st offense: Three days external suspension.
- 2nd offense: Five days external suspension.
- 3rd offense: Ten days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion. Return of stolen property or restitution also required. Police to be notified in certain cases.

6. TAMPERING WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER
CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: Three days external suspension.
- 2nd offense: Four days external suspension.
- 3rd offense: Five days external suspension.

7. INITIATION OF A FOOD FIGHT
CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: Three days external suspension.
- 2nd offense: Ten days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion. Restitution may also be required.

8. PARTICIPATION IN FOOD THROWING
CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: Two days external suspension.
- 2nd offense: Three days external suspension.
- 3rd offense: Four days external suspension. Restitution may also be required.

9. POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: Five days external suspension.
- 2nd offense: Ten days external suspension or expulsion.

10. VANDALISM: DEFACING OR DAMAGING SCHOOL PROPERTY INCLUDING COMPUTERS AND THEIR RECORD FILES AND SYSTEMS
CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: Up to three days internal suspension.
- 2nd offense: Three to five days internal suspension.
- 3rd offense: Five to ten days external suspension. Restitution will be required in all cases.

11. PROFANITY OR VULGARITY DIRECTED AT SCHOOL STAFF
CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: Written apology and two days internal suspension.
- 2nd offense: Written apology and four days internal suspension.
- 3rd offense: Three to five days external suspension.

12. GAMBLING
CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: One day internal suspension.
- 2nd offense: Two days internal suspension.
- 3rd offense: Three days internal suspension. Police may be notified in certain circumstances.

13. USE OF RACIAL, RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC SLURS OR SYMBOLS THAT DEEMAN OTHERS
CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: Written apology and two days internal suspension
- 2nd offense: Written apology and three days internal suspension.
- 3rd offense: Written apology and four days internal suspension.

14. HARASSMENT SUCH AS REPEATED NAME CALLING
CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: Written apology and one day internal suspension.
- 2nd offense: Written apology and two days internal suspension.
- 3rd offense: Written apology and three days internal suspension.

15. MISUSE OF INHALANTS, GLUE, ETC.
CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: Three days external suspension.
- 2nd offense: Five days external suspension.
- 3rd offense: Ten days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion.

16. UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FROM OR TARDINESS TO AN INTERNAL SUSPENSION ASSIGNMENT

CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: One additional day of internal suspension.
- 2nd offense: Two additional days of internal suspension.
- 3rd offense: Three additional days of internal suspension.

17. DEFIANCE OF THE AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS
CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: Three days internal suspension.
- 2nd offense: Five days internal suspension.
- 3rd offense: Five days external suspension.

18. REFUSAL TO IDENTIFY ONESELF TO A STAFF MEMBER
CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: One day internal suspension.
- 2nd offense: Two days internal suspension
- 3rd offense: Three days internal suspension

19. FAILURE TO SIGN IN UPON ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL
CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: One day internal suspension.
- 2nd offense: Two days internal suspension.
- 3rd offense: Three days internal suspension.

20. FORGERY/MISUSE OF A PASS
CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: One day internal suspension.
- 2nd offense: Two days internal suspension.
- 3rd offense: Three days internal suspension.

21. INAPPROPRIATE USE OF LASER POINTERS
CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: Five days external suspension.
- 2nd and subsequent offenses: Ten days external suspension.

22. OUT OF BOUNDS/LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS

The following areas are considered out of bounds during the school day:

- * Beyond the sidewalks of the circle in front of the school.
- * Behind the dock.
- * Agawam Public Library grounds.
- * Wooded areas surrounding the school.
- * The maintenance area.
- * Outside the new addition.
- * The athletic fields.
- * Any off-campus sites during the school day.
- * Physical education locker rooms during class time (without permission).
- * Parking lot. (If you must go to the parking lot for any reason during the day you must have a pass from the office. Loitering in this area will result in disciplinary action.)
- * Any other area that the administration deems inappropriate.

CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: One day internal suspension.
- 2nd offense: Three days internal suspension.
- 3rd offense: Five days internal suspension.

If a car is involved, the car privilege will be denied for nine weeks.

Once a student arrives on school grounds, he/she is expected to remain on school grounds. If he/she vacates the school grounds or building without the permission of an administrator, he/she will be suspended appropriately.

THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION RESERVES THE AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND FOR OTHER BEHAVIORAL CIRCUMSTANCES NOT LISTED.

NATURE OF OFFENSE AND REPEATED OFFENSES

The above outlined levels of discipline for specified offenses are provided as minimum guidelines to insure that every student is aware of the potential consequences of actions which violate the discipline policies of the Agawam Public Schools. In determining the level of discipline in each case, the principal shall review the nature and the facts and circumstances surrounding the

alleged offense and the student's prior disciplinary record. After completing said review, the principal may in his/her sole discretion impose the minimum level of discipline provided for in these discipline policies, or he/she may impose greater discipline, including but not limited to, more detentions, a longer suspension, the imposition of a discipline contract and/or expulsion from the school or school district.

SUSPENSION EFFECTS

A conference with the student, a parent or guardian, and an administrator may be arranged after the student has been externally suspended. It may occur during the period of the suspension or when the student returns to school from the suspension. If the period of the student's suspension exceeds three school days, the administration will arrange for assignments to be sent home to the student. Students are responsible for making up all work missed during the suspension period within a week of their return to school.

During the period of suspension a student may not take part in any extra-curricular activities or school functions nor be in the building or on the grounds during the school day.

Parents/Guardians will be notified of their child's internal or external suspension by mail and, in certain circumstances, by telephone.

STUDENT MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS

The following regulations are designed to promote safety and order in the high school driveways and parking lots. Failure to comply with these regulations and conditions may result in the revocation of driving privileges on school property.

1. The maximum speed limit on all school property is 15 m.p.h. Students must drive on school property using caution and consideration for vehicles and pedestrians. Reckless or careless driving will be reported to the police department and Registry of Motor Vehicles.

2. Student cars must be parked in single spaces. Cars parked in illegal areas will be subject to towing on the first offense. Towing is at the student's expense.

3. During school hours, students are not to park in the area of the shops and music rooms or the Agawam Library.

4. Bringing a motor vehicle to and from school is a privilege.

5. Only juniors and seniors who are passing all of their courses, in each marking period, may park motor vehicles on school grounds.

6. Juniors and seniors who get suspended will have his/her parking privileges removed.

7. Students granted permission must display the proper sticker at all times.

8. All students must park their vehicles in the student area of the parking lot at all times.

9. Once a car has been parked in the lot by a student, there shall be no loitering in the car by students.

10. Once a car is parked, the driver or any other pupil shall not be allowed to enter the car until the driver is ready to leave for home.

11. Students who do not obey the regulations regarding motor vehicles at school will have the privilege to drive to school revoked.

12. If a student uses his/her vehicle to transport on to the school grounds any form of alcoholic beverages or drugs, such action will result in the loss of parking privileges for the school year, suspension or expulsion, and subjection to prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

VIOLATION OF STUDENT MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS

CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: Denial of the motor vehicle privilege for **nine weeks**.

- 2nd offense: Denial of the motor vehicle privilege for **an additional nine weeks**.

- 3rd offense: Denial of the motor vehicle privilege for the **remainder of the year**. If a student who has been denied the motor vehicle privilege persists in attempting to bring his/her motor vehicle to school or the public library, the motor vehicle will be subject to **towing at the expense of the student**.

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Violation of general school policies will result in the assignment to office detention, held Monday through Thursday from 1:50 to 2:40 p.m. The student is expected to bring enough work to keep busy for the entire detention period. The teacher in charge of detention may withhold credit if the time is not properly used. The student will not be admitted into detention after the bell. If the student needs to be excused from attending detention on a particular afternoon, the student must get permission from an administrator before the detention is to be served.

Examples of infractions that could result in from one to five detentions are as follows:

- * Classroom misbehavior.
- * Cafeteria misbehavior.
- * Taking food from the cafeteria.
- * Skipping a scheduled period
- * Inappropriate display of affection.
- * Disobedience.
- * Littering.
- * Lack of corridor pass.
- * Card playing.
- * Excessive tardiness.
- * Failure to report to teacher detention.
- * Misuse of equipment or materials.
- * Snowball throwing.
- * Parking lot violation.
- * Swearing.
- * Loud behavior.
- * Overdue library books.
- * Possession of lighter.
- * Possession of matches.
- * Interference with the enforcement of school rules.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Instances of academic dishonesty such as copying homework, cheating on papers and exams, or plagiarism will result in student's receiving a zero grade on that school project.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Possession and use of electronic devices such as beepers, cell phones, and CD headphones, will be subject to confiscation and disciplinary action as deemed by administration. The administration strongly discourages students from bringing these items to school since they are of no educational value.

TEACHER DETENTION

A teacher may request a student to stay after school to discuss a behavior problem or to have a student do academic work. As long as the student has been given a **24-hour** notice to report, the student must attend the after-school conference. Failure to attend this conference will result in a referral to either the deputy principal or dean of students who will take disciplinary action.

If a student has been asked to stay for a particular teacher on a given day when the student also has office detention, the student is expected to report to that teacher, stay the assigned time, and bring a note from that teacher to either the deputy principal or dean of students before the student leaves the school building. This procedure allows the student to report to office detention the following day without penalty. **SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS COME FIRST, EVEN BEFORE YOUR JOB. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM, SEE THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OR THE DEAN OF STUDENTS.**

CUTTING CLASS

The definition of a cut is the missing of class time without permission or without a legitimate excuse acceptable to the teacher. Detention will be assigned and work that is missed can be made up only at half value. Additional cutting will result in an increase in the number of detentions and/or suspension.

STUDENTS ON CONTRACT - DUE PROCESS

A student with chronic discipline problems may be placed on contract by the deputy principal, dean of students and the principal. The ramifications of the contract will be explained to the student in the company of his/her parent or guardian. The student will be provided with a copy of the signed contract. Any student alleged to have violated his/her contract may be scheduled for a hearing with the principal. The deputy principal, dean of students, counselor and par-

ent/guardian may also attend. The student has the right to bring evidence and witnesses.

The student may appeal the principal's ruling to the superintendent of schools who will finalize the decision.

PROCEDURES FOR LONG TERM SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

The building principal is responsible for providing the student and parent:

1. Written notice, in the dominant language of the home, of the charges affecting the suspension/expulsion and of the right to a formal hearing before the principal, as well as the right to be represented by counsel or other advocate of choice (at the student's expense);
2. Adequate time to prepare for the hearing;
3. Access to documented evidence before the hearing;
4. The right to present evidence and/or witnesses;
5. The right to question the district's witnesses except when there is information indicating that doing so may put said witnesses at risk of harm;
6. A prompt decision, written in the dominant language of the home, including specific grounds for the decision and any reasonable conditions which must be met to ensure the student's return. The letter will include the student's right to appeal to the superintendent within (10) days from the date of the receipt of the notification of the suspension/expulsion.

The principal will notify the superintendent in writing. The superintendent will in turn inform the school committee, without identifying the student, of the facts and circumstances surrounding the suspension/expulsion.

LONG TERM SUSPENSION: DEFINITION

Long term suspension is the removal of a student from his/her educational program for more than ten (10) consecutive school days but no more than forty-five (45) consecutive school days.

EXPULSION DEFINITION

Expulsion is the exclusion of a student from school either permanently or for the remainder of the school year.

APPEAL TO SUPERINTENDENT

1. Upon receiving written notice of a request for an appeal within ten (10) days of the notification of expulsion, the superintendent shall schedule a hearing at which time the student may be represented by counsel (at the student's expense) and present oral and written testimony on his/her behalf.

2. The superintendent shall render a written decision in the dominant language of the home. Such ruling will be the final decision of the school district.

ADMISSION OF EXPELLED STUDENTS

When a student is expelled, no school or school district within the Commonwealth shall be required to admit such student or to provide educational services to said student. If said student does apply for admission to another school or school district, the superintendent of the school district to which the application is made may request and shall receive from the superintendent of the school expelling said student a written statement of the reason for said expulsion.

DISCIPLINING STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

All students are expected to meet the requirements for behavior as set forth in this handbook. Chapter 766 requires that additional provisions be made for students who have been found by an evaluation team to have special needs and whose program is described in an Individualized Educational Plan (I.E.P.). The following additional requirements apply to the discipline of special needs students:

1. The I.E.P. for every special needs student will indicate whether the student can be expected to meet the regular discipline code or if the student's handicapping condition requires a modification. Any modification will be described in the I.E.P.
2. The principal (or designee) will notify the special education office of the suspendable offense of a special needs student and a record will be kept of such notices.
3. When it is known that the suspension(s) of a special needs student will accumulate to ten days in a school year, a review of the I.E.P. as provided in Section 333 of the Chapter 766 Regulations will be held to determine the appropriateness of the student's

placement or program. The team will make a finding as to the relationship between the student's misconduct and his/her handicapping condition and will either:

- a. Design a modified program for the student;
- b. Write an amendment to provide for the delivery of needed modifications of the I.E.P. relative to discipline code expectations. In addition, the Department of Education will be notified as required by law, requesting approval of the alternative plan to be followed.

POSITIVE REWARDS OF THE DISCIPLINE SYSTEM

There are many positive rewards that students may obtain due to proper behavior. One such reward is access to the Renaissance program. Another is access to the National Honor Society. The privilege of bringing a motor vehicle to school will be awarded to those exhibiting proper behavior. Consult the Student Guide for details on these privileges.

STUDENT DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE

In instances of student/drug/alcohol use and abuse, the role of the schools is basically educational. The following regulations have been established to help assure the welfare of individual students as well as the general welfare of the school population:

1. In accordance with existing state and federal laws, the civil rights of all students under investigation for drug/alcohol possession or use will be protected to the fullest extent possible by the administration.
2. The intent of the drug/alcohol policy is rehabilitative rather than punitive.

Any student or parent/guardian who seeks guidance on a drug/alcohol problem from any school administrator, counselor, teacher or other staff person will be provided with such guidance without disciplinary action as long as the student is not observed on school grounds selling, possessing, or using alcohol or drugs. When confronted by a student, who is seeking guidance, staff will follow the procedure outlined below:

- * Refer the student to an appropriate agency.
- * Exercise appropriate judgment in making parental contact with consideration for the student's wishes.
- * Notify the building principal of any drug/alcohol counseling in order to coordinate all possible means of assistance available.

Responsibilities: Refer to Zero Tolerance

1. In all cases of suspension or expulsion for drug/alcohol-related acts, there must be a conference with the school administration by the parent or guardian of the student prior to reinstatement of the student. Students who are subjected to suspension or expulsion for drug/alcohol-related problems may request a hearing with the superintendent.

2. Teachers, counselors and staff will be cognizant of drug problems and use professional judgment in observing students concerning drug/alcohol use and/or possession.

- A. Any staff member who observes a student in possession of alcohol or drugs will be required to inform the building principal immediately.

- B. Any staff person who is reasonably convinced that a student is under the influence of drugs/alcohol should use the following procedure:

1. Notify the substance abuse counselor immediately. In the event that the substance abuse counselor is not present, the building principal or his/her designee should be notified immediately.
2. If the substance abuse counselor feels the illness is drug/alcohol-related, he/she will notify the building principal or his/her designee.
3. First aid will be administered as necessary and as prescribed by law.
4. If a parent/guardian cannot be contacted and the illness persists, the school nurse will contact the family physician or school physician and follow his/her direction. If no physician can be contacted, the nurse will arrange to hospitalize the student.

Administrators

1. Administrators who find a student in possession of alcohol, suspected drug material or narcotic devices will do the following:

- A. Ask police to identify the suspected materials.
- B. Notify the student's parents/guardians if the

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analysis demonstrates the presence of alcohol or drugs.

C. The principal may also take any other action deemed appropriate at this time.

D. Student lockers may be searched by the building principal or his/her designee when there is sufficient reason to believe that a student is concealing illegal drugs/alcohol.

II. When an administrator is reasonably convinced a student is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, he/she should take the following steps:

A. The administrator will contact the substance abuse counselor and/or nurse and then the parents/guardians.

B. Following contact with the parents/guardians, the administrator, with the advice of the substance abuse counselor and/or nurse, will decide whether the student should remain in school or to be taken home by the parents or guardians.

C. Any notification of appropriate law enforcement agencies will be the responsibility of the building principal or his/her designee.

Breath Analyzer

When there is reason to suspect that a student has been consuming or is under the influence of alcohol in school, on school property or at a school-sponsored event, a breathalyzer test may be administered by school officials. If a student is tested and the result of the test is positive, the student will be disciplined according to the discipline policies outlined in the Agawam High School Student Guide.

If a student refuses the breathalyzer test or fails to cooperate in the breathalyzer testing procedure, such action will result in a finding that the student is under the influence of alcohol and the student will be disciplined according to the discipline policies outlined in the Agawam High School Student Guide.

Parents/Guardians

Because supportive action by the parents/guardians is crucial to the success of any counseling, the parents/guardians will be encouraged to contact the principal if they are concerned about their child's possible drug/alcohol-related behavior, and the principal will encourage the parents/guardians to become involved in any aspect of drug/alcohol counseling deemed desirable.

ATTENDANCE/TARDINESS/DISMISSALS

Agawam High School is committed to providing quality education to all students. As reflected by the philosophy of Agawam High School and the community, education is a key factor for success and can only be achieved through regular class attendance, student participation and academic achievement. All students will be given subject expectations and classroom procedure statements by their classroom teachers. The expectation sheets will describe the subject curriculum to be covered and the grading system which will include a participation assessment. Constant monitoring of attendance will take place each class period. Teachers will exercise careful judgement when deciding if an absence is excusable or non-excusable.

Long-term illness: Student is given a home tutor. This is the only exception. If the student qualifies for a tutor, he/she does not lose credit.

Main Telephone Numbers For The Agawam Schools

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| Business Office | 821-0551 |
| Clark School | 021-0571 |
| Granger School | 821-0580 |
| Junior High School | 821-0542 |
| Junior High School Guidance | 821-0566 |
| Middle School | 789-1440 |
| Phelps School | 821-0586 |
| Robinson Park School | 821-0582 |
| Senior High School | 821-0530 |
| Senior High School Guidance | 821-0527 |
| Special Services | 821-0557 |

Daily attendance is recorded at the beginning of period 1 by the period 1 class teacher.

Tardiness to school: Students arriving after the tardy bell at 7:25 a.m. must report directly to the office to sign in tardy. **A student who fails to sign into school will be assigned one internal suspension.** Students that report to school tardy must present upon arrival their picture identification card. If a student does not have his/her identification card, that student will receive a detention.

Each semester when a student is tardy for the sixth time and each time thereafter, that student will be assigned one internal suspension. A student who is continually tardy will be assigned an external suspension.

Under certain circumstances a student will be required to bring a parent/guardian to school.

ANY STUDENT WHO IS TARDY TO SCHOOL 30 MINUTES OR MORE MUST PRESENT A NOTE FROM A PARENT OR GUARDIAN WITH A PHONE NUMBER WHERE THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN CAN BE REACHED.

A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TELEPHONE CALL TO AN ADMINISTRATOR EXPLAINING THE TARDY IS ACCEPTABLE.

IF A STUDENT FAILS TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE, HE/SHE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SIGN INTO SCHOOL.

Class absence reports (slips): A student, upon receiving the student copy of an Absence Report (slip), is being notified of a questioned absence. It is the student's responsibility to clear the absence with the teacher in question within twenty-four hours of the absence. This must be accomplished on the student's own time, not class time. If the absence is not cleared, it will be assumed that the student skipped. Penalties will be imposed as indicated in the Student Guide.

Dismissals from school: All dismissals must be written on the proper form which are available in the main offices. These forms must be properly filled out and signed by a parent or guardian. All dismissal requests must be presented to the appropriate administrator by 7:20 a.m. A dismissed student must sign out in the office and sign in again if he/she returns the same day. Evidence must be presented verifying the need for the dismissal.

Such as:

- Medical appointment (appointment card).
- Driver's license or learner's permit (proper phone number to validate).
- Court appointment (court appointment letter).
- Bereavement (number to verify).
- Scholarship or college interview (letter of verification).

Those without a license must be picked up by a parent or guardian in the main office.

If you are ill, report to the nurse for a dismissal slip, and then bring the dismissal slip to the office so the dismissal may be recorded. If the nurse is not in the building, permission must be obtained in the office. In any event, if you are ill, you may not leave school without permission; to do so is considered truancy.

Attendance and participation in extracurricular activities: A student must be present at least one full day immediately preceding an extracurricular activity in order to participate in that activity.

Free Lunch For First-Graders On First Day Of School

On Tuesday, September 5th, all first-grade students will be offered a free lunch.

"We would like our first-grade students to meet our cafeteria staff and become familiar with our cafeterias," said Frank S. Godek, school lunch director.

The price of lunch will be \$1.20 for elementary students; \$1.30 for Middle School students; and \$1.50 for Junior High and Senior High students.

In the elementary schools, lunch tickets are sold on Mondays for the week in the classroom. If a student is absent, he/she may purchase tickets in the cafeteria on Tuesday. If a parent wishes to pay by check, please make the check payable to the Agawam School Lunch.

Back-To-School News From AHS

If you have any questions on new enrollments, call the guidance office at 821-0527.

Guidance counselors were not allowed to change student schedules during the week of August 28, 2000. Counselors will address this issue the first week of school.

During the first week of school, teachers will be giving students class expectation handouts. Students will be instructed to take the handout home to be read and signed by both the student and parent/guardian. The signed expectation sheet will then be returned to the appropriate teacher. If a parent/guardian would like a copy of the class expectations, let the teacher know on the class expectation handout that is to be returned.

All students are encouraged to purchase locks. Remember that it is the student's responsibility to protect personal and school items to the best of his/her ability. The administration will not be held responsible for material stolen from a locker. Also, sharing of lockers is prohibited. When this occurs, problems of theft result.

Just in case it slipped your mind, the high school starts promptly at 7:25 a.m. It is imperative that you leave home early since excessive tardiness to school will result in disciplinary action.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE**DISTRIBUTION**

Your 2000-2001 school schedule will be given to you on Tuesday, September 5, 2000, the first day of school. Student schedules will be available at the following school locations:

SENIORS - GYM

JUNIORS - CAFETERIA

SOPHOMORES - ROTUNDA AREA

FRESHMEN - AUDITORIUM

Community Reps. Needed For AHS School Improvement Council

The high school's School Improvement Council is in need of two community representatives for the 2000-2001 school year. A community representative cannot have a child attending the high school. The Council is composed of students, teachers, parents and community representatives.

If interested please submit a letter to Principal Paul C. Cavallo, Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Cavallo stated, "If I receive more than two candidates, I will use a lottery system to select the two community representatives."

Meetings are held monthly eight times a year on a Thursday evening.

Parent Members Needed For AHS School Improvement Council

Parents/guardians of high school students who wish to become a member of the School Improvement Council for the 2000-2001 school year must submit a letter of interest to Principal Paul C. Cavallo at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St., Agawam, MA 01001.

According to Cavallo, "The Council is composed of students, teachers, parents and community representatives. Only six parents will be selected. If I receive more than six candidates for the parent positions, I will use a lottery system for selection."

Meetings are held monthly eight times a year on Thursday evenings.

Welcome Back For The 2000-2001 Academic Year!



SUPERINTENDENT FRANK A. AMERUOSO

Message From The Superintendent

It was only one year ago that we were all anticipating the "new millennium." The doomsayers were also focusing on global warming. Well, the new millennium is now old hat, and as far as global warming ... well, this summer seems to have shot a hole in that theory!

The administrative staff has been busy preparing for what we expect will be a banner school year. There are a number of changes in personnel that will be obvious to most people.

The High School has a new full-time principal in the person of Mr. Paul Cavallo. Mr. Cavallo may be new to the position, but he has been in the Agawam Public Schools for over 30 years. Mr. Cavallo has a number of great ideas he wants to implement at the High School, and we are looking forward to his leadership.

We also have a new "deputy" principal at the High School - Ms. Kathleen McSweeney, formerly the athletic director for the past nine years.

And, last but not least, we have a new athletic director in the person of Mr. Lou Conte, who was previously the assistant principal at the Middle School and one of the most successful coaches in Agawam sports history.

If that is not enough, we have hired 31 new teachers to fill in the ranks. While these teachers are new to our system, many are experienced in their fields. We look forward to them becoming part of the Agawam Public Schools.

There will be an orientation for these new teachers on Thursday, August 31, 2000 (presstime). At this meeting, they will be introduced to our "mentor" program, which will help them adapt and adjust to our school system with the help of a teacher mentor. This program has proven to be very helpful to new teachers. The ordinary things that would get in the way of their transition are handled through this program and, as a result, the new teachers can be effective almost immediately.

This past summer, there has been evidence of quite a bit of activity in our school buildings. The summer reading program initiated last year, "Camp Soar," once again had a full enrollment of elementary students who needed additional reading instruction. We also had remediation classes for those students who did not do as well as they should on the MCAS tests.

Finally, our summer school program, directed by Mr. Alan Cohen, showed a huge growth in student enrollment. In 1999, there were a total of 397 students enrolled in the summer school program. In 2000, we had 437 students enrolled, and 91 of these students were out-of-district students.

The High School accreditation team has made marvelous progress towards submitting the midterm report to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Under the capable leadership of Mr. Cavallo and his trusted advisors, Arlene Mazza and Joanne Brown, the report is nearing completion.

One of the more exciting features of the report is the progress that is being made with the plans for the High School library. An architect has been engaged to work with our new librarian and a library committee to design a new and enhanced library media area. The anticipated completion of this project - which will be done "in-house" by the Town Maintenance Department under the Directorship of Tony Albro - is the fall of 2001. We are getting tremendous support from Mayor Cohen and the Town for this project.

The school district has a new and improved web site that you ought to dial up: www.agawampublicschools.org. You will be quite proud of what you see on this site. It is your school district in action.

The coming school year holds much promise in many areas. A number of the initiatives that were put into motion will now begin to bear fruit.

The Instructional Support Team (which is a strong pre-referral process) is now in full swing. It is helping students receive the kind of help they need without being processed into special needs.

We are fully implementing Section 504 regulations for people who are handicapped, but not special needs. The curriculum has now been fully aligned with the State Frameworks and is being delivered with new teaching strategies fortified by a substantial professional development program.

I plan on having some Superintendent "Coffee Klatches" in the course of the year. These will be opportunities where community residents can come and dialogue with me in an informal setting. We can discuss issues and I can explain the ins and outs of how things happen and why they happen.

I pledge to you my continued dedication to the improvement of our schools. Our children are our prime motivators in working toward a premiere school system.

I expect that you, as the Agawam School Community, will work with us to achieve our lofty goal of making the Agawam Public Schools the best they can be.

Yours in education,
Frank A. Ameruoso, Ph.D.

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The "Back-To-School" edition is an annual tradition of The Agawam Advertiser News.

School

SCHOOL HOURS:

Early Childhood Center
8:45 - 11:15 A.M. & 12:15 - 2:45 P.M.
(No Friday Sessions)

Clifford M. Granger School
& Agawam Middle School
8:35 A.M. - 2:45 P.M.

Benjamin J. Phelps School,
Robinson Park School, &
James Clark School
9:10 A.M. - 3:20 P.M.

Agawam Junior High School
7:50 A.M. - 2:15 P.M.

Agawam High School
7:25 A.M. - 1:45 P.M.

Kindergarten will have half-day sessions, 2-1/2 hours in length. The hours will depend upon individual school schedules. Please call the individual schools for the exact times of the kindergarten.

Guidance News

Students enrolled in the Agawam Public Schools, grades 5-12, have been assigned a guidance counselor. At the middle and junior high schools, students are assigned by grade level:

- * **Grades 5 & 6** - Mr. Thomas Dacey.
- * **Grade 7** - Mrs. Jeanne Trinke.
- * **Grade 8** - Mr. Dennis Moran.

Students at the senior high school are assigned to one of the following counselors (according to the first letter of their last names):

- * **A-C:** Mrs. Judith Cohen.
- * **D-H:** Mrs. Jane Williams.
- * **I-N:** Mr. Alan Cohen.
- * **O-S:** Mrs. Ann Marie Gould
- * **T-Z and Foreign Exchange Students:** Mr. Francis Meagher.

At all schools, any guidance counselor will assist your child if the need arises.

Counseling of students occurs on a regular basis and includes such areas as academic progress, individual programming, adjustment problems, career and vocational information, orientation of new students and referrals of students with special needs. The counselors also arrange, administer, and interpret standardized tests. This information is available upon request.

Parents may request parent-teacher conferences and homework assignments during a period of absence, and progress reports. In addition, guidance counselors at the senior high school offer information concerning scholarships, financial aid, and college applications. They also provide referral services to the Agawam High School Career Center regarding career planning. The guidance counselors sincerely encourage parents to avail themselves of these services and to contact the guidance counselors at any time concerning their children.

Entrance Age

The Massachusetts Department of Education requires that children be permitted to enter kindergarten in September of the calendar year in which they reach age five. It is the Agawam School Committee's policy to:

1. Admit a child to kindergarten if he/she is five years old prior to October 1 of the school year in which he/she cares to enroll, and

2. Admit a child to first grade if he/she is six years old prior to October 1 of the school year in which he/she cares to enroll.

Students who attend a kindergarten program in a public school system outside Agawam, or who attend a kindergarten program approved by the superintendent, may be allowed to enter first grade if school officials determine that it would be educationally appropriate.

Information Regarding The Bus Schedules For 2000-2001

No route adjustments will occur during the **FIRST TWO WEEKS** of school unless the school department determines an emergency exists.

The times listed for the buses are the times the routes **begin**.

Late runs four days at each school (Middle, Jr. High, and Sr. High) are scheduled to begin in mid-September. Days at each school and the routes will be published in each school building.

In order to help you, the school department has requested that all bus inquiries must be directed to the transportation department of the Central Office. The telephone number is **821-0554**.

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*For all the hometown news,
you turn our pages each
and every week ... AAN!!!*

Newly Hired Teachers For The Agawam Schools For 2000-2001

HIGH SCHOOL

Niels W. Cudnohufsky, 1/2 Adj. Counselor.
Mark W. Dorval, 9-12 Sped Teacher.
Michael J. Simpson, 9-12 Business.
Cheryl A. Pasternak, 9-12 Math.
Joseph C. Bianca, 9-12 Social Studies.
Dina M. Trovato, 9-12 Science.
Jennifer B. Perkins, 9-12 Social Studies.
Lori R. Weyant, 9-12 Business.
Anne S. McKenzie, 9-12 Sped Teacher.
Elaine Mokrzycki, 9-12 Librarian.

JR. HIGH SCHOOL

James Joyce, JH Substance Abuse Coord.
Erin E. Fahey, 7 & 8 English.
Pamela C. Petschke, 7 & 8 Science.
Kathleen R. Cassanelli, 1/2 7 & 8 English.
Vicky Stacey, 7 & 8 Math.

Beverly J. Weil, 7 & 8 Science.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Janet A. Rousseau, Grade 6.
Debra C. Tierney, Grade 5.
Susan E. Smith, Grade 5.
Gisele Sotolotto, Grade 5 Sped Teacher.
Cynthia F. Campana, Grade 5.
Patricia A. Urban, Grade 5 Sped Teacher.

PHELPS

Diane L. Gendron, 1/2 Read Recovery (Phelps).

CLARK

Donna M. Carter, Int. Grade 2 (Clark).

ROBINSON

Arlene L. Willett, Grade 1 (Robinson).
Kathleen L. Kida, Grade 4 (Robinson).
Jennifer S. Dold, Grade 3 (Robinson).
Amber J. Waters, Elem. Art (Granger/Clark).

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or 786-8137; however, please give us at least
72 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank
you for your cooperation in this matter...*



AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Do you have questions about your preschooler? If you would like a screening or more information, please contact the Special Services Department.

☐ I would like a screening for my child.

☐ I would like to speak to a member of the Special Services Staff.

☐ I would like a copy of the Parent Handbook.

**PLEASE SEND TO: Special Services Office
760 Cooper Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Or Call 821-0557 For More Information.**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

- Philosophy Of The Agawam Public Schools -

The Agawam School Committee believes that innovation and change in education - both content and methods - are necessary for meeting the needs of our youth as they face life before them.

We also believe that education is best achieved when students become involved in experiences meaningful to their lives in today's world. We believe that the educational process should develop a feeling of self worth and accomplishment.

We believe that equal educational opportunity is the right of all children without regard to race, creed, color, or national origin and that all laws to this end should be followed promptly and effectively.

We further believe education should develop habits, attitudes, understanding, and skills necessary for a productive, satisfying life in civilized society. Each child should be helped to understand the duties and privileges of responsible citizenship as they relate to him or her as an individual and to the world community. We recognize that vast changes brought by increasing technology, population and urbanization. We request the advice and support of the citizens of the community and especially the professional staff as we endeavor to develop the attitudes and abilities of our youth.

AGAWAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mayor Richard A. Cohen, Chair.

Rosemary Sandlin, Vice Chair.

Linda M. Galarneau, Secretary.

Susan R. Dawson.

Roberta G. Doering.

Teresa M. Kozloski.

Susan A. Pettazzoni.

Mission Of Massachusetts Public Education

Massachusetts public education shall provide each and every child with the values, knowledge and skills needed to achieve full potential in his or her personal and work life and to contribute actively to the civic and economic life of our diverse and changing democratic society. (October 26, 1992.)

SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

In case of inclement weather and closing of school, notification will be given over WHYN, WMAS, WAQY, WWLP and WGGB. Please DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOLS OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES.

If there is school during bad weather, the FINAL DECISION CONCERNING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MUST REST WITH THE PARENT. Children should be well informed by their parents what they are to do in case school closes during regular school hours because of storm conditions.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR WALKING STUDENTS

Children must be taught to assume responsibility for their own safety. Teach your child:

1. How to cross at intersections.
2. To always pause at the curb and look both ways before crossing.
3. To follow the signals and instructions of the crossing guards.
4. The safest route to and from school.
5. Never accept rides from strangers.
6. Not to loiter on the way to and from school.
7. To walk on the sidewalk only.

REPORTING BUS MISCONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

1. Bus misconduct forms will be issued to each school bus driver. The school department will provide the forms to the school bus contractor.

2. When serious misbehavior occurs, the drivers will complete the form. It will then be turned in to the contractor or his/her representative who will review it and obtain any additional information required.

3. The contractor will send the form to the proper principal.

RIGHTS OF NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS

A natural parent who is separated or divorced from the parent with legal custody of their child shall have the same rights as custodial parents, unless these rights have been limited by court action.

Prior to the awarding of legal custody by the court,

the schools will assume that both parents retain equal rights in all areas, unless a legal temporary restraining order is presented to the school.

Custodial parents who wish to limit these rights must provide the school with a copy of the relevant court document.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT

The Agawam Public Schools encourage the participation of parents/guardians in their child's education process. Academic achievement requires the combined efforts of the school and home.

To assist parents/guardians in monitoring the student's progress, parents/guardians will receive quarterly report cards.

Parents/guardians seeking more information can consult with their child's teacher(s) by requesting a conference. All Agawam schools schedule an Open House early in the school year. Parent/guardian teacher conferences are held during the year. Your child's school will provide more information concerning the dates of these evenings.

Parents/guardians, who wish to visit their child's classes, should contact the school's principal to arrange for a visitation date.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- I have the right to be treated with understanding in school. I have the responsibility not to laugh at others or hurt their feelings.

- I have the right to be safe in school. I have the responsibility to keep my hands and feet to myself and follow the school rules.

- I have the right to be myself in school. I have the responsibility to treat others equally and fairly.

- I have the right to learn in school and to be free to express my feelings, opinions and ideas. I have the responsibility to do the best I can and respect others' opinions, feelings, and ideas.

- I have the right to learn and study in school. I have the responsibility to be respectful of other people's time.

- I have the right to a reasonable amount of teacher attention and help when needed in school. I have the responsibility not to be demanding of others and to use self-control.

- I have the right to use materials and property of the school. I have the responsibility to respect people and their property and to share what is ours.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students transferring to the Agawam School system must present proof of immunization upon entrance. No student shall be admitted to school unless properly immunized or such procedures have started.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

It is important that each child attend school regularly. Illness is the only legitimate excuse for absence. Parents/guardians are requested to send an explanatory note for each absence, tardiness or dismissal. Parents/guardians should try to schedule dental or medical appointments after school hours.

DISMISSAL

A child will be dismissed from school only upon the written or verbal request of the parent. No pupil will be excused into the custody of any parents not properly identified. The principal of the school must be aware of the reason for dismissal.

SHARING INFORMATION

Emergency cards should be kept up to date. Please notify your child's school if there is a change in home address, telephone number or place of employment.

Parents/guardians should inform teachers and the school office, in writing, of any changes of authorization for child pick up, different bus schedule, etc. (Notify the bus driver, also, if there is any change.)

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

A well-balanced lunch is provided in all Agawam schools. Milk is available to children who bring in their own lunch. Menus are posted in all schools and are also printed in local weekly newspapers.

Free and reduced lunches are available for all students who qualify. Applications are sent home annually during the first week of school. New students may

apply upon enrollment.

JEWELRY IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES

Jewelry is not to be worn during Physical Education classes, during any athletic team practice, or during any game play by student athletes. This policy was put in place for the safety of the students.

CHAIN OF COMMAND

If you have issues involving your child that you feel should be addressed, please follow the prescribed list in the chain of command.

1. Classroom Teacher.
2. Building Principal.
3. Superintendent of Schools.
4. School Committee.
5. State Department of Education.

766 REFERRALS

Prior to a 766 referral, a student may go through the process of the Teacher Assistance Team, which now exists in every building in the Agawam Public Schools.

Implemented in September, 1974, Chapter 766 mandates that each school system identify children between the ages of 3 and 21, who have a substantial disability (emotional, mental, physical or learning), and to evaluate these needs on an individual flexible, non-discriminating basis. The school system then designs an educational plan that best meets the needs of each student evaluated. Chapter 766 also provides for the maximum involvement of parents and students fourteen years and older in the Core process.

THE CHAPTER 766 PROCESS

1. Referral - parents/guardians, school personnel and/or others concerned with the child's welfare may refer.
2. Notice in the form of "Parents' Rights" sent to parents/guardians.
3. Pre-evaluation conference with the Core Chairperson.
4. Evaluation and assessment of student.
5. Core evaluation team conference with parents/guardians.
6. Development of educational plan.
7. Parental acceptance or rejection of the educational plan.
8. Implementation of child's educational plan.
9. Ongoing evaluations of the child's progress.

Regulations provide parents/guardians with the Process of Appeal should they choose to reject the educational plan as proposed by the Core Evaluation Team. Any inquiries you may have should be directed to the Director of Special Services.

The purpose of Chapter 766 and the goals of the Agawam Public Schools' special education program are to allow each child to grow and achieve at his/her level, to gain independence and self-reliance and to return to the mainstream of the school society as soon as possible.

Disciplinary actions affecting special education students must comply with the terms and provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 766.

POLICY ON DISCIPLINING STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

All students are expected to meet the requirements for behavior as set forth in this handbook. Chapter 71B of the Massachusetts General Laws, requires provisions be made for students who have been found by an evaluation TEAM to have special needs and whose program is described in an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP). The following additional requirements apply to the discipline of special needs students:

1. The IEP for every special needs student will indicate whether the student can be expected to meet the regular discipline code or if the student's handicapping condition requires a modification. Any modification will be described in the IEP.
2. The Principal (or designee) will notify the Special Education Office of the suspendable offense of a special needs student and a record will be kept of such notices.

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3. When it is known that the suspension(s) of a special needs student will accumulate to ten days in a school year, a review of the IEP as provided in Section 333 of the Chapter 766 Regulations will be held to determine the appropriateness of the student's placement or to the relationship between the student's misconduct and his/her handicapping condition and either:

- a) design a modified program for the student, or
- b) write an amendment to provide for the delivery of special education services during the suspension and any modification of the IEP relative to discipline code expectations.

In addition, the Department of Education will be notified as required by law, and the procedures promulgated by the Department of Education for requesting approval of the alternative plan will be followed.

SECTION 504

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a broad civil rights law that protects the rights of handicapped or disabled individuals in programs that receive federal funds.

Under this Act, a qualified disabled person is "one who has had a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits a major life activity, or has a record of such impairment or is regarded as disabled by others." Major life activities include the ability to care for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working. A disability need only limit ONE major life activity for an individual to be eligible.

Typically, students with disabilities who do not qualify for special education under Chapter 766 or IDEA, do qualify under Section 504. These disabilities might include students with Attention Deficit Disorder (AD/HD), students with AIDS, heart conditions, and other physical disabilities such as severe asthma, juvenile diabetes, severe arthritis, cerebral palsy, etc. All of these conditions under 504 allow a student to receive the necessary related services to make their education comparable to non-disabled students.

Services given to students under Section 504 are considered the responsibility of regular education, as they are not in need of basic skills help and can function with adjustments in the regular classroom.

HEALTH SERVICES

A registered nurse is available daily at each school. Serving as liaison between the home, school, and community agencies, he/she is available for conferences, health appraisals, and follow-ups. Vision and hearing tests are administered each year. State law requires yearly postural screening of grades 5-9. Parents/guardians are notified if defects are found and are urged to take their children to specialists for further examination.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

State law requires physical examinations of school age children every three or four years. If you obtain the required form from the school health care person before your visit to the doctor, it would be very helpful in keeping the student's health record up to date.

The ideal time to record physical examinations is upon entrance to kindergarten, Grade 3, Grade 7, and Grade 11. At the time of the physical, the doctor can also record the latest immunization, thereby keeping the school health records up to date.

TD Boosters - Please note that TD boosters are required every ten years and proof of same must be recorded at school.

Communicable Disease Control - Parents/guardians should cooperate in preventing the spread of contagious disease by keeping children at home if there are signs of a cold, rash, skin eruptions, or other deviations from normal health. When a parent/guardian is in doubt, the family physician should

be consulted.

Head Lice - Parents/guardians are urged to spot-check their child's head for the presence of lice or eggs. Positive findings must be reported to school health care personnel and health department immediately. Family physicians should be contacted concerning treatment. Children should not be sent to school until free of lice or eggs (nits). Periodic spot-checks of students will be made throughout the year by the school nurse.

MEDICATION POLICY

If it is necessary for a child to take medication during school hours, the following regulations are in effect in administering any medical preparations to students.

The registered nurse will act according to the following guidelines:

* Before medications (including aspirins, cough medicine etc.) are given to a student, the parent or guardian must present to the school a physician's written order for the medication and the authorization of the parent or guardian for the medication to be given. The authorization form will be filed with the student's medical file.

* The physician's orders for any medication to be administered will specify in writing the condition for which the drug is being given, name and amount of drug, time of administration, any relative side effects to be noted, and length of time during which the medication shall be administered. Medication to be given on a long-term basis must be reconfirmed with the prescribing physician each school year.

* The health care person is responsible for obtaining any additional information regarding the medication or for contacting the physician if there is a question concerning the appropriateness of administering the medication at school.

* Any medication to be given during school hours must be delivered directly to the health care person or building principal by the parent/guardian or a responsible adult.

* The medication must be delivered in and dispensed from the original container which has been properly labeled from the pharmacy. The label

should contain name of patient, name and strength of medication, name of physician, date of original prescription, and directions for giving medication.

* No more than one month's supply of prescribed medication should be kept at school.

* All prescribed medication shall be stored in a securely locked area. Medication requiring refrigeration will be so stored.

* Unused medication will be picked up by the parent/guardian or responsible adult or disposed of by the health care person. If a drug is disposed of, notation should be made of the date of discard. If medication is returned to a parent or responsible adult, a receipt shall be obtained by school personnel and included in the file.

* **Field Trips:** Dispensing of medication during field trips is the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

At the time the medication is prescribed by the physician, please inquire as to whether hours of administration of the medicine may be planned before or after school hours.

BICYCLES

Children are mandated by Massachusetts law to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle. Parents/guardians should familiarize youngsters with bicycle safety rules and the safest route to avoid potential hazards. The school reserves the right to revoke bike privileges for failure to observe established safety procedures.

Each bike rider should have a lock and chain for the bike and secure the bike upon arrival at school. Students may not ride bikes during school hours.

School Lunch Program

The Agawam Public Schools serve meals each school day. Children may buy lunch at the elementary level for \$1.20; Middle School, \$1.30; Junior and Senior High, \$1.50; or just milk at 35 cents a carton. Children also may get meals free or at a reduced price.

All meals served must meet patterns established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. However, if a child has been determined by a doctor to be handicapped and the handicap would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, this school will make any substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a handicap, please get in touch with us for further information.

To get free or reduced price meals for your child, you must complete an application and return it to the school. We cannot approve an application that is not complete. If you now get Food Stamps or TAFDC for your child, your child can get free meals. If your child has received a Meal Benefit Certificate from the Department of Transitional Assistance, you do not have to complete this application. Just sign the certificate and return it to your child's school. Your child will receive a free lunch.

If your total household income is the same or less than the amount on the Income Chart below, your child can get free meals or reduced price meals. A foster child may get free or reduced price meals regardless of your income. The reduced price is 40 cents for lunch.

HOW TO APPLY

If you now get Food Stamps or TAFDC for the child you are applying for, the application must have the child's name, a Food Stamp or TAFDC case number, and the signature of an adult household member. **If you are applying for a foster child,** the application must have the child's name, the child's "personal use" income, and an adult signature.

If you do not list a Food Stamp or TAFDC case number for the child you are applying for, then the application must have the child's name, the names of all other household members, the amount of income each person got last month and where it came from, the signature of an adult household member and that adult's Social Security Number, or the word "none" if the adult does not have a Social Security Number.

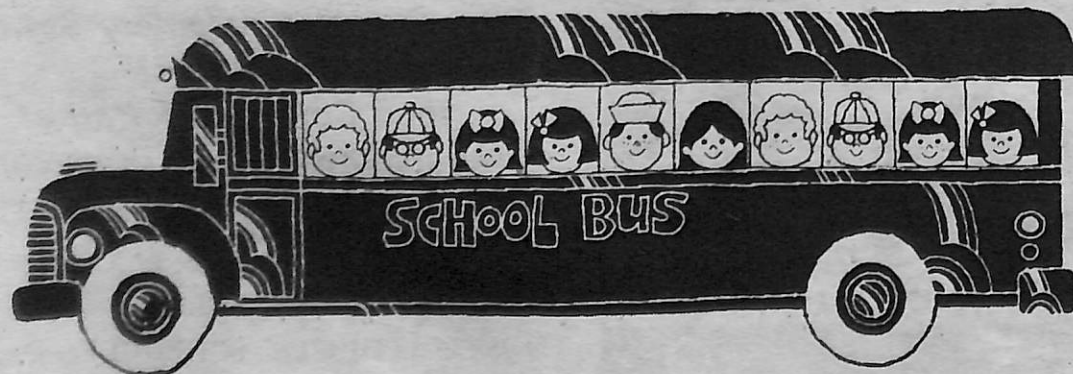
INCOME CHART

| Household Size | Annual Income | Monthly Income | Weekly Income |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | 15,448 | 1,288 | 298 |
| 2 | 20,813 | 1,735 | 401 |
| 3 | 26,178 | 2,182 | 504 |
| 4 | 31,543 | 2,629 | 607 |
| 5 | 36,908 | 3,076 | 710 |
| 6 | 42,273 | 3,523 | 813 |
| 7 | 47,638 | 3,970 | 917 |
| 8 | 53,003 | 4,417 | 1,020 |
| For Each Add'l Family Member | +5,365 | +448 | +104 |

VERIFICATION: Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send papers showing that your child should get free or reduced price meals.

FAIR HEARING: You may talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of verification. You also may ask for a fair hearing. You may do this by calling or writing: **Donald J. Charest, Deputy Superintendent, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, (413) 821-0551.**

REPORTING CHANGES: If your child gets free or reduced price meals because of your income, you must tell the school if your household size decreases or your income increases by more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year. If your child gets meals because they get Food Stamps or TAFDC, you must tell the school when you are not getting TAFDC or Food Stamps for them. You may then fill out another application giving income information.



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CONFIDENTIALITY: We will use the information on your application to decide if your child should get free or reduced price meals. We may inform officials connected with Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress whether your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals. They will use this information for funding and/or evaluation purposes. Information may also be disclosed if you want the application to be used to get other benefits.

REAPPLICATION: You may apply for free or reduced price meals anytime during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed, or get Food Stamps or TAFDC for your child, complete an application at that time.

In the operation of the Child Feeding Programs, no child will be discriminated against because of Race, Sex, Color, National Origin, Age, or Handicap. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete the application using the instructions for your household. Sign the application and return the application to the school. Call the school if you need help.

PART 1 - STUDENT INFORMATION: All Households Must Complete This Part.

- (1) Print the name of the child you are applying for.
- (2) List the child's grade and school.

PART 2 - HOUSEHOLDS GETTING FOOD STAMPS OR AFDC: Complete This Part And Part 5.

- (1) List a current Food Stamp or AFDC case number for the child.
- (2) Sign the application in Part 5. An adult household member must sign. Skip Part 4 - DO NOT list names of household members or income if you list a Food Stamp or AFDC case number.

PART 3 - HOUSEHOLDS WITH A FOSTER CHILD: Complete This Part And Part 5 - A foster child is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court.

- (1) List the foster child's monthly "personal use" income. Write "0" if the foster child does not get "personal use" income. Skip Part 4 - DO NOT list any other children, household members, or income.
- (2) A foster parent or other official representing the child must sign the application in Part 5.

"Personal use" income is (a) money given by the welfare office identified by category for the child's personal use, such as for clothing, school fees, and

allowances; and (b) all other money the child gets, such as money from his/her family and money from the child's full-time and regular part-time jobs.

PART 4 - ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS: Complete This Part And Part 5.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether they get income or not. Include yourself, the child you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.

- (2) Write the amount of income each household member got last month, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions, and other income. If any amount last month was more or less than usual, write that person's usual monthly income.

- (3) An adult household member must sign the application and give his/her Social Security Number in Part 5.

To Figure Monthly Income: Weekly x 4.33; Every 2 Weeks x 2.15; Twice a Month x 2.

PART 5 - SIGNATURE AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: All Households Complete This Part.

- (1) All applications must have the signature of an adult household member.

- (2) The application must have the Social Security Number of the adult who signs. If the adult does not have a Social Security Number, write "none" or something else to show that the adult does not have a Social Security Number. If you listed a Food Stamp or AFDC number for your child or if you are applying for a foster child, a Social Security Number is not needed.

PART 6 - RACIAL/ETHNIC IDENTITY: Complete the racial/ethnic identity question if you wish. You are not required to answer this question to get free or reduced price meals. We need this information to make sure that everyone is treated fairly.

INCOME TO REPORT

Earnings From Work: Wages/salaries/tips; strike benefits; unemployment compensation; worker's compensation; net income from self-owned business or farm.

Welfare/Child Support/Alimony: Public assistance payments; welfare payments; alimony/child support payments.

Pensions/Retirement/Society Security: Pensions; supplemental security income; retirement income; veteran's payments; Social Security.

Other Income: Disability benefits; cash withdrawn from savings; interest/dividends; income from estates/trusts/investments; regular contributions from persons not living in the household; net royalties/annuities/net rental income; any other income.

Agawam High School's Fall 2000 Athletic Schedule

CROSS COUNTRY

Site: Robinson State Park

Time: 3:30 P.M.

Coach: Bill Dillon

- Sept. 11th: Away - Longmeadow (Turner Park).
 Sept. 14th: Home - East Longmeadow.
 Sept. 18th: Away - Sci-Tech (Springfield's Forest Park).
 Sept. 26th: Away - Amherst/Chicopee (at Chicopee State Park).
 Oct. 3rd: Home - Northampton.
 Oct. 10th: Home - Minnechaug/Holyoke, 3:45 p.m.
 Oct. 13th: Away - Westfield/Chicopee Comp., 3:45 p.m. (at Chicopee State Park).
 Oct. 16th: Home - Central/West Springfield, 3:45 p.m.
 Oct. 23rd: Away - Ludlow/Commerce (at Springfield's Forest Park).
 Oct. 30th: Home - Cathedral, 3:45 p.m.

FRESHMAN FIELD HOCKEY

Time: 3:30 P.M.

Coach: TBA

- Sept. 19th: Away - East Longmeadow, 4:00 p.m.
 Sept. 28th: Home - East Longmeadow.
 Oct. 5th: Home - East Longmeadow, 4:00 p.m.
 Oct. 17th: Away - East Longmeadow.

FIELD HOCKEY

Time: 3:30 P.M.

(Varsity plays first)

Varsity Coach:

Carla Lemnah-Warner

JV Coach: TBA

- Sept. 6th: Home - Franklin County Tech.
 Sept. 11th: Away - Cathedral.
 Sept. 12th: Away - Southwick.
 Sept. 15th: Home - South Hadley.
 Sept. 18th: Away - Mahar.
 Sept. 20th: Home - Minnechaug.
 Sept. 25th: Home - Westfield, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 28th: Away - East Longmeadow, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
 Oct. 2nd: Home - Longmeadow.
 Oct. 6th: Away - W. Springfield.
 Oct. 9th: Home - Southwick, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 11th: Away - Minnechaug.
 Oct. 13th: Away - Westfield.
 Oct. 17th: Home - East Longmeadow, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 19th: Away - Longmeadow.
 Oct. 26th: Home - W. Springfield, 5:00/6:30 p.m.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Site: Phelps Elementary School

Time: 3:30 P.M.

Head Coach: Kirk Parker

Assistant: Michael Donovan

- Sept. 15th: Away - Central.
 Sept. 22nd: Away - Chicopee Comp.
 Oct. 6th: Home - Holyoke.
 Oct. 13th: Away - Westfield.

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ATHLETIC SCHEDULE - from Page 22

Oct. 20th: Away - Cathedral.
 Oct. 27th: Home - Chicopee.
 Nov. 3rd: Home - Longmeadow.
 Nov. 10th: Away - Minnechaug, 3:00 p.m.

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

Time: 3:30 P.M.**Coach: TBA**

Sept. 11th: Home - Chicopee Comp.
 Sept. 18th: Home - Central (Phelps).
 Sept. 25th: Away - Northampton.
 Oct. 2nd: Home - Amherst (Phelps), 4:00 p.m.
 Oct. 9th: Away - Holyoke.
 Oct. 16th: Home - Westfield (Stadium).
 Oct. 23rd: Home - Cathedral (Phelps).
 Oct. 30th: Away - Chicopee, 3:00 p.m.
 Nov. 6th: Away - Longmeadow, 3:00 p.m.
 Nov. 13th: Home - Minnechaug, 3:00 p.m.

FOOTBALL**Time: 7:00 P.M.****Head Coach: Tad Desautels****Assistant Coaches:****Chris Benjamin & John Benjamin**

Sept. 8th: Home - Chicopee Comp.
 Sept. 15th: Home - Central.
 Sept. 22nd: Away - Northampton.
 Sept. 29th: Home - Amherst.
 Oct. 6th: Away - Holyoke.
 Oct. 13th: Home - Westfield.
 Oct. 20th: Home - Cathedral.
 Oct. 27th: Away - Chicopee (Szot).
 Nov. 3rd: Away - Longmeadow.
 Nov. 10th: Home - Minnechaug.
 Nov. 23rd: Away - West Springfield, 10:00 a.m.

GOLF**Time: 3:30 P.M.****Coach: Bill L'Heureux**

Sept. 6th: Away - West Springfield.
 Sept. 7th: Home - East Longmeadow.
 Sept. 11th: Home - Cathedral.
 Sept. 13th: Away - Minnechaug.
 Sept. 14th: Away - Chicopee.
 Sept. 18th: Home - Longmeadow.
 Sept. 19th: Home - Northampton.
 Sept. 20th: Away - Ludlow.
 Sept. 26th: Away - East Longmeadow.
 Sept. 27th: Away - Cathedral (Franconia).
 Sept. 28th: Home - Palmer.
 Oct. 4th: Away - Longmeadow (Twin Hills).
 Oct. 5th: Away - Chicopee Comp (Chicopee CC).
 Oct. 10th: Home - Minnechaug.
 Oct. 11th: Home - Ludlow.
 Oct. 16th: Home - South Hadley.
 Oct. 18th: Home - Longmeadow.
 Oct. 23rd: Away - Western MA (Crestview).
 Oct. 30th: TBA - States.

GYMNASTICS**Time: 6:00 P.M.****Coach: Alison Bonnyman**

Sept. 20th: Home - Chicopee Comp/Gateway.
 Sept. 26th: Away - Westfield/Hampshire (at Westfield).
 Oct. 5th: Away - Amherst (Middle School).

Oct. 13th: Away - Pittsfield/South Hadley (at Pittsfield).
 Oct. 19th: Home - Minnechaug/Pittsfield.
 Oct. 24th: Away - South Hadley/Wahconah (at South Hadley).
 Oct. 27th: Away - Minnechaug/Chicopee Comp (at Minnechaug).
 Oct. 30th: Home - Hampshire/Amherst.
 Nov. 3rd: Home - Wahconah/Westfield.
 Nov. 8th: Away - Gateway.
 Nov. 10th: Away - Hampshire/Pittsfield (at Hampshire).
 Nov. 17th: TBA - WMass.

FRESHMAN BOYS' SOCCER

Time: 3:30 P.M.**Coach: Glenn Olson**

Sept. 6th: Home - Central.
 Sept. 13th: Away - Amherst.
 Sept. 18th: Home - Holyoke.
 Sept. 22nd: Away - Minnechaug.
 Sept. 25th: Home - East Longmeadow.
 Sept. 27th: Home - Cathedral.
 Sept. 29th: Away - Westfield.
 Oct. 2nd: Away - West Springfield.
 Oct. 4th: Away - Ludlow (Baird).
 Oct. 6th: Home - Sci-Tech.
 Oct. 12th: Home - Amherst, 4:00 p.m.
 Oct. 17th: Away, Holyoke (Springdale).
 Oct. 20th: Home, Minnechaug.
 Oct. 23rd: Away, East Longmeadow.
 Oct. 26th: Home - Westfield, 4:00 p.m.
 Oct. 30th: Away - Sci-Tech, 3:00 p.m.

BOYS' SOCCER**Time: 3:30 P.M.****Coach: Jonathan Cavallo****JV Coach: Michael Lyman**

Sept. 6th: Away - Central, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
 Sept. 8th: Home - Chicopee, 3:00 p.m.
 Sept. 13th: Home - Amherst, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 18th: Away - Holyoke, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 22nd: Home - Minnechaug.
 Sept. 25th: Away - East Longmeadow, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
 Sept. 27th: Away - Cathedral.
 Sept. 29th: Home - Westfield, 3:00 p.m.
 Oct. 2nd: Home - West Springfield, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 4th: Home - Ludlow, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 6th: Home - Chicopee Comp, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 10th: Away - Chicopee, 4:30/6:00 p.m. (Alpert/Szot).
 Oct. 12th: Away - Amherst.
 Oct. 17th: Home - Holyoke, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 20th: Away - Minnechaug.
 Oct. 23rd: Home - East Longmeadow, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 26th: Away - Westfield; JV, home - Westfield, 4:00 p.m.
 Oct. 30th: Away - Chicopee Comp, 4:30/6:00 p.m.

FRESHMAN GIRLS' SOCCER

Time: 3:30 P.M.**Coach: TBA**

Sept. 5th: Home - Ludlow.

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Sept. 7th: Home - Sci-Tech, 4:00 p.m.
 Sept. 12th: Away - Cathedral.
 Sept. 14th: Away - Westfield, 4:00 p.m.
 Sept. 19th: Away - Holyoke.
 Sept. 21st: Home - Central.
 Sept. 26th: Home - Longmeadow.
 Sept. 28th: Away - W. Springfield.
 Oct. 3rd: Away - Minnechaug.
 Oct. 6th: Home - E. Longmeadow.
 Oct. 11th: Home - Amherst, 4:00 p.m.
 Oct. 13th: Away - Central.
 Oct. 16th: Home - Holyoke.
 Oct. 19th: Away - E. Longmeadow.
 Oct. 23rd: Home - Westfield, 3:00 p.m.
 Oct. 24th: Home - Minnechaug.
 Oct. 27th: Away - Amherst.

GIRLS' SOCCER**Time: 3:30 P.M.****Varsity Coach: Laura Wray-Ramos****JV Coach: Lynda Kunasek**

Sept. 5th: Away - Ludlow.
 Sept. 12th: Home - Cathedral.
 Sept. 14th: Home - Westfield, 7:00 p.m.; JV, away - Westfield, 4:00 p.m.
 Sept. 18th: Home - Pittsfield, 4:30 p.m.
 Sept. 19th: Home - Holyoke, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 21st: Away - Central, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
 Sept. 26th: Away - Longmeadow, 7:00 p.m.; JV, home - Longmeadow.
 Sept. 28th: Home - W. Springfield, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 3rd: Home - Minnechaug.
 Oct. 6th: Away - E. Longmeadow.
 Oct. 11th: Away - Amherst.
 Oct. 13th: Home - Central.
 Oct. 16th: Away - Holyoke, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 18th: Home - Wahconah, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 19th: Home - E. Longmeadow, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 23rd: Away - Westfield, 7:00 p.m.; JV, home - Westfield, 3:00 p.m.
 Oct. 24th: Away - Minnechaug.
 Oct. 27th: Home - Amherst, 5:00/6:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL**Time: 3:30 P.M.****Varsity Coach: Pat Demers****JV Coach: Jen Ellis**

Sept. 8th: Away - Belchertown.
 Sept. 11th: Home - Minnechaug.
 Sept. 15th: Away - Ludlow.
 Sept. 18th: Away - W. Springfield.
 Sept. 20th: Home - E. Longmeadow, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 22nd: Away - Athol.
 Sept. 25th: Away - Ware.
 Sept. 27th: Home - Longmeadow.
 Sept. 29th: Home - Dean Tech.
 Oct. 2nd: Home - W. Springfield, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 4th: Home - Amherst, 4:00 p.m.
 Oct. 6th: Home - Belchertown.
 Oct. 11th: Away - Commerce.
 Oct. 13th: Away - Minnechaug.
 Oct. 16th: Home - Ludlow, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 20th: Away - E. Longmeadow.
 Oct. 23rd: Home - Ware.
 Oct. 25th: Home - Mahar, 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 26th: Away - Longmeadow, 6:00/7:00 p.m.
 Oct. 30th: Away - Amherst, 5:00/6:30 p.m.

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1305 SPRINGFIELD STREET
FEEDING HILLS, MA 01030

School Calendar 2000-2001

180 school days (pupils)

* 3 non-teaching day (teachers)

5 inclement weather days



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September 5 - Schools Open

October 9 - Columbus Day

* November 3 - Teacher In-Service Day

November 10 - Veterans' Day

November 22-24 - Thanksgiving Vacation

December 25-29 - Winter Vacation

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 15 - Martin Luther King Day

February 19-23 - Mid-Winter Vacation

* March 16 - Teacher In-Service Day

April 13 - Good Friday

April 16-20 - Spring Vacation

May 28 - Memorial Day

June 26 - Schools Close